Top 5 Tips from Clint Oldenburg

Top 5 Tips for Gap Play With Clint Oldenburg

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Commit: When you're sure about an opponent's playcall, don't be afraid to commit! Run Commit and Pass Commit were overhauled in '17 to offer more reward (and risk) to guessing the offensive play. If you're sure your opponent is running a stretch play to the right, run commit to the right and completely take it away. Just be careful to use these wisely, because if you're wrong, you'll most likely give up a big play.

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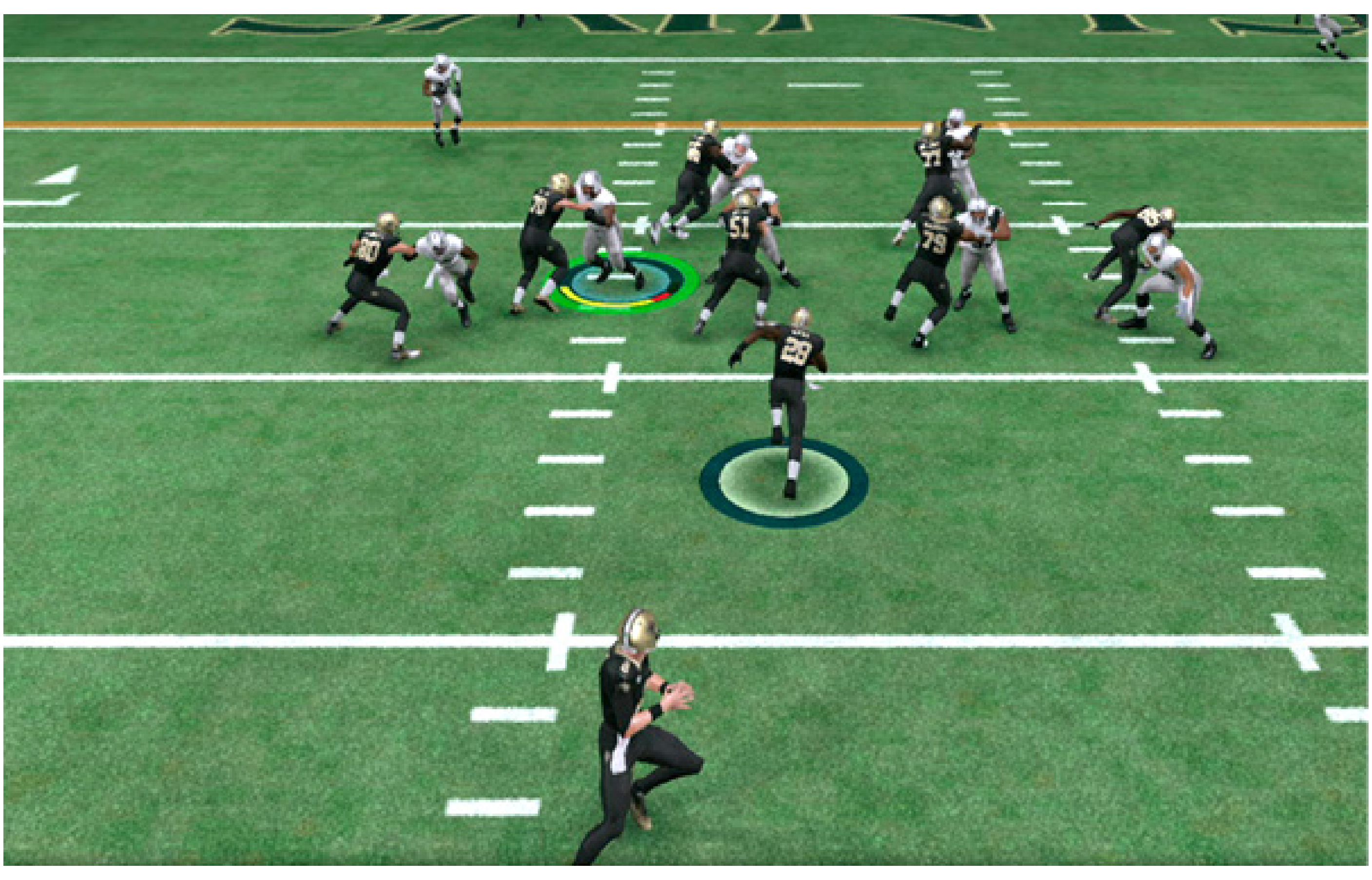

Know Your Players: Play Recognition rating determines how well players fill their gaps. This determines the speed at which they find the correct gap, as well as how quickly they can break to it. The block shed rating is also very important for the down linemen and line-of-scrimmage defenders. If you want to take away the inside run without having to blitz, use a team like the Rams who have DLs with high block shed ratings.

TIP 3

Alignment Is Critical: When defending inside run, make sure to have an adequate number of defenders inside the tackle box. If you're defending outside run, make sure defenders are in a position that gives them proper outside leverage on the blockers. Get familiar with your playbook so you know which plays are best to use when determining the runs you want to take away.

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Know What You're Trying To Defend: If you want to take away the outside run, zone-coverage plays are best. They have force players who are looking in the backfield and playing run first. Man coverage defenders are less helpful against the run because they are pass-first players who must key their coverage before reacting to the run.

TIP 1

Know Your Playbook: Get familiar with the plays that have force and cutback players in advantageous positions to take away the concept you want to defend. Cover 3 has the force safety in the box and is a great call for running plays to the strong side, whereas Cover 2 has the CBs playing force and will most likely be blocked by the WRs. Understanding your playbook allows you to know exactly what to call once you've nailed down your opponent's tendencies.

Top 5 Running Mechanics With Clint Oldenburg

TIP 5

Steerable Moves: For an advanced mechanic, use both modifiers (RT + LT/ R2 + L2) at the same time with a special move button and steer your special moves. This gives you the ultimate control over each move. Remember, though, that when using steerable moves, you won't get defender fakeouts as you would using just one modifier. You will, however, have complete control over the direction of the move and break down the pursuit of nearby defenders.

TIP 4

Know Your Players' Skills: The effectiveness and explosiveness of each move is determined by the ratings of your ball carrier. If you have a power back, use more trucks and stiff-arms. If you have a scat back, use more jukes and spins. The better the player's ratings are, the better animations and fakeout chances that player will get.

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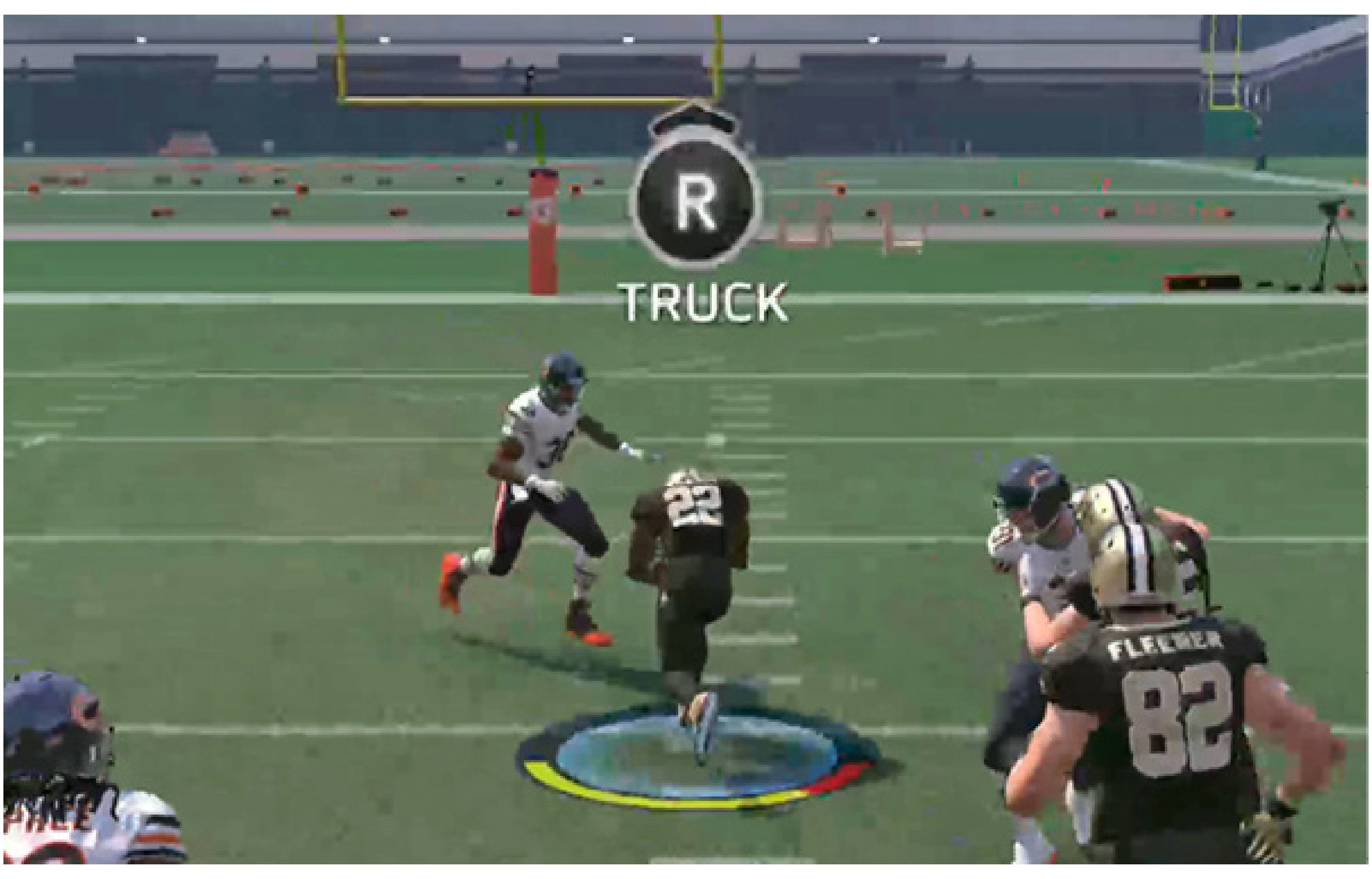

Auto-Move Setting: Don't be afraid to use the 'Auto Ball Carrier Special Move' setting as you start to learn the new run-game mechanics. While you can still perform all the moves you choose, if you prefer to just focus on steering the ball carrier, all the moves will be performed automatically with visual feedback about what move is recommended. It also displays the Ball Carrier visual Path assist that shows you exactly where you are headed relative the direction you are pushing your thumbstick so you can better anticipate obstacles ahead. It's a great teaching tool to get familiar with all the new features in the ground game.

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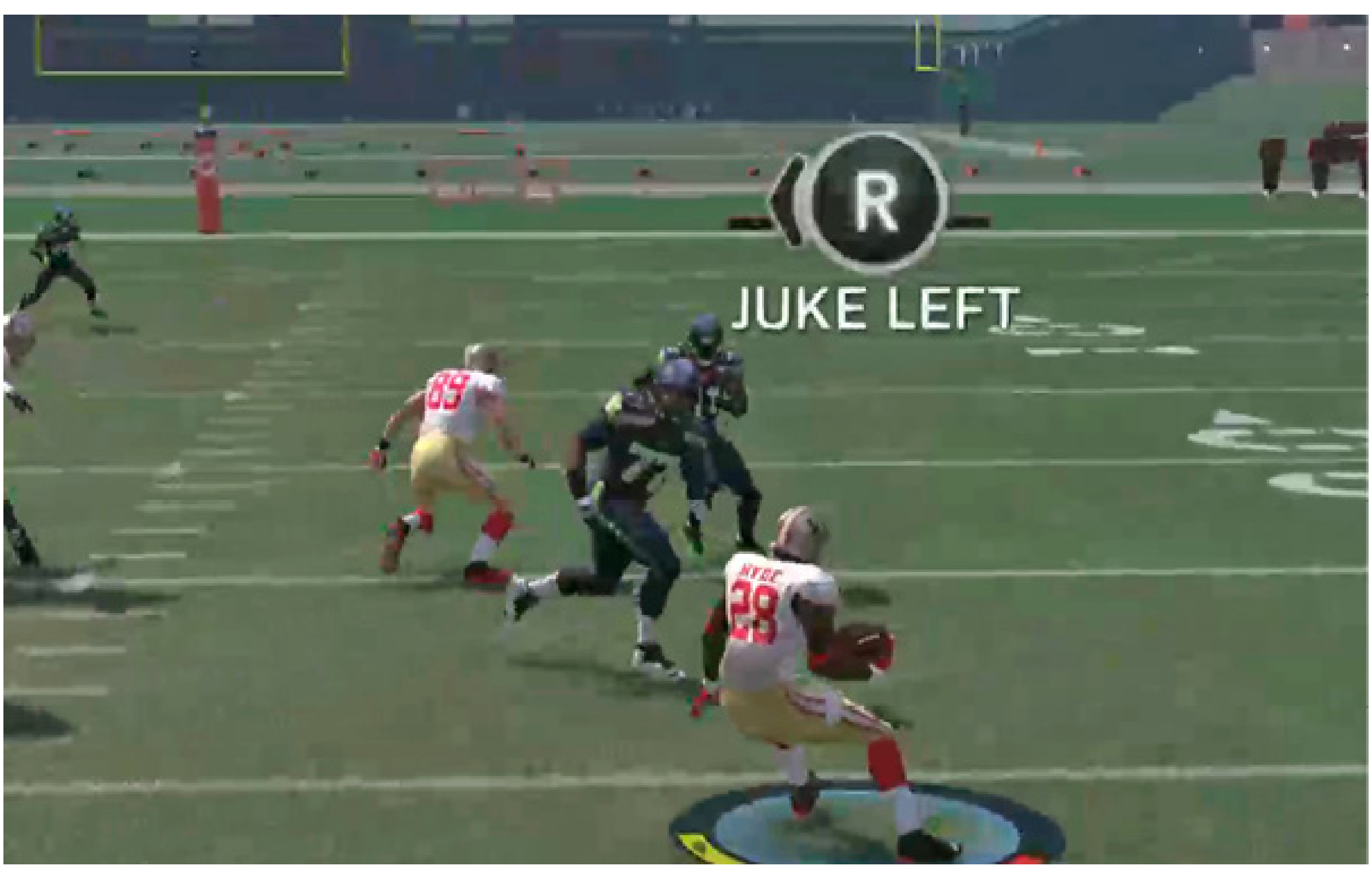

Assist-Move Setting: In addition to Auto-Moves, you can also use the 'Assist' setting. This provides all the visual feedback of Auto, plus the Ball-Carrier Threat Cone, which shows you where you are most likely to get a successful fakeout for each move. The difference between 'Assist' and 'Auto' is Assist will not perform the move for you, but rather shows you the recommended move for your player and the situation, while allowing you to press the corresponding button and perform the move yourself. This setting is for experienced veterans who want to learn the new mechanics without being held back by the CPU doing the work for them. It's also designed for experienced players who prefer that little bit of help as they might still be learning the advanced game and exactly which moves to use and when.

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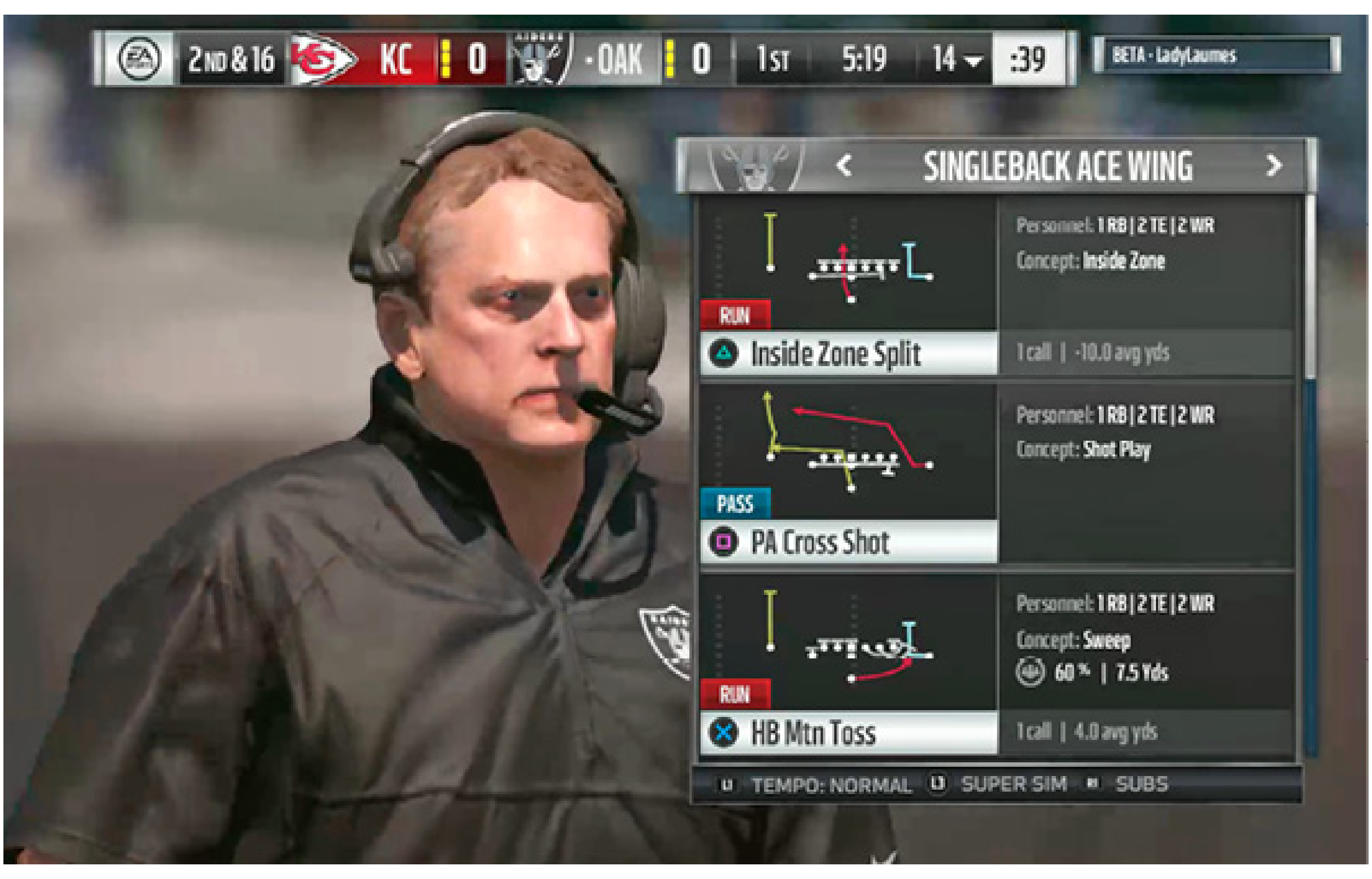
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SINGLEBACK ACE WING
RUN
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Personnel: 1 RB | 2 TE | 2 WR
Concept: Inside Zone
1 call | -10.0 avg yds
PASS
PA Cross Shot
Personnel: 1 RB | 2 TE | 2 WR
Concept: Shot Play
RUN
HB Mtn Toss
Personnel: 1 RB | 2 TE | 2 WR
Concept: Sweep
60 % | 7.5 Yds
1 call | 4.0 avg yds
TEMPO: NORMAL
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Hat Count: If you bring up the coach-cam art in pre-play, you'll see color-coded boxes in the tackle box. These boxes show you the hat count—the number of defenders to each side of the line compared to the number of blockers you have. If it's green, that means you have enough or more blockers than they have defenders to that side. If it's red, that means you are outnumbered and should check your play to a pass or to the other side of the formation.

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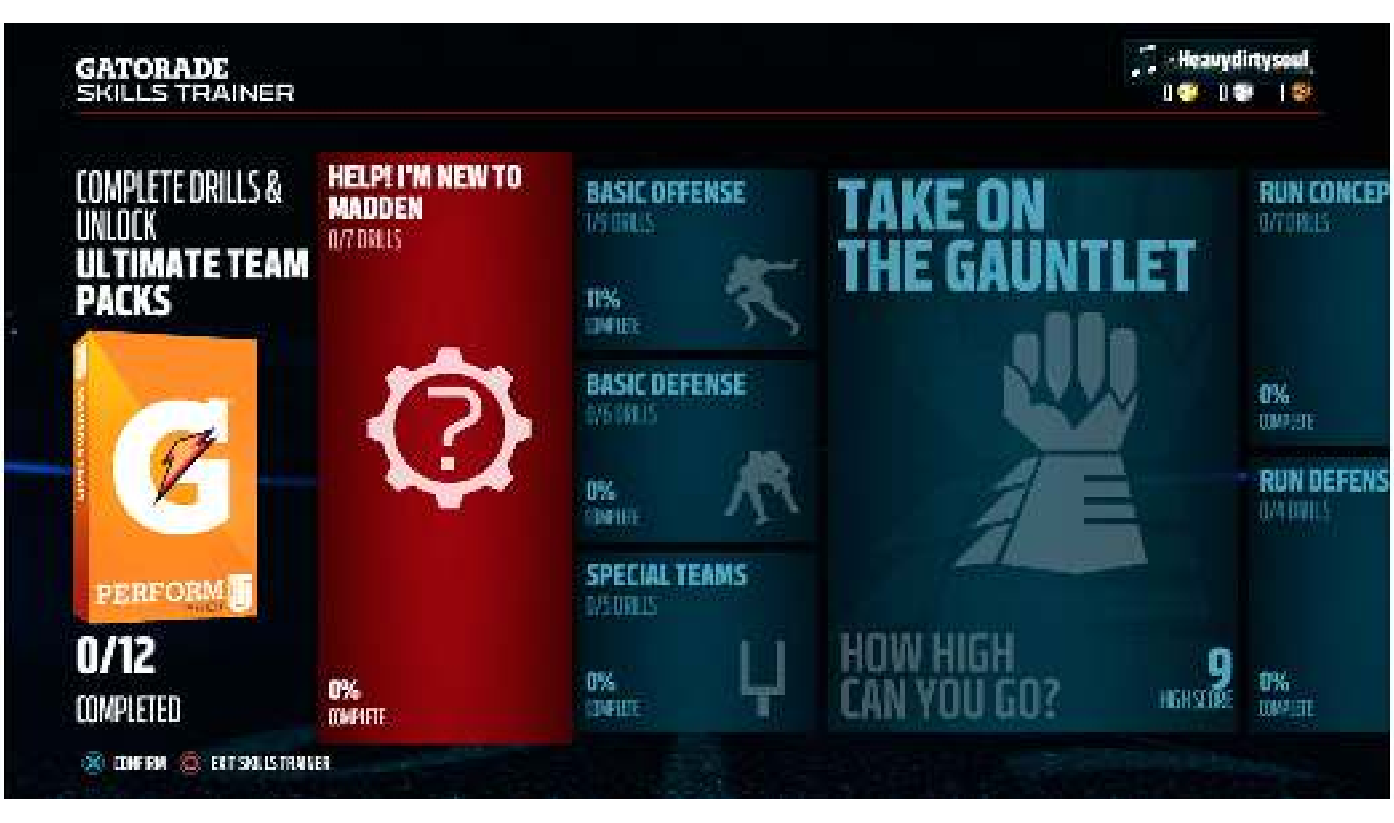
Skills Trainer

The Skills Trainer makes its return to Madden NFL 17. With most of the same training drills as last season, each implements all of the new mechanics that this season has to offer. Running drills obviously act differently with both the new ball carrying mechanic, as well as the new Gap and Slot Play. There are no penalties for getting it wrong here; in fact, we want you to get it wrong so that you can learn how to get it right before stepping onto the field on game day. Take your time and try to at least bronze each drill and get your MUT packs. Or, if you're like us, go for gold and keep your skills sharp.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SKILLS TRAINER
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BASIC DEFENSE
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TAKE ON THE GAUNTLET
HOW HIGH CAN YOU GO?
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HIGH SCORE
RUN CONCEP
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COMPLETE
RUN DEFENS
0/4 DRILLS
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SKILLS TRAINER ACTION LIST

- Read Instructions
- Complete Skill Tutorials
- Complete Skills Drill
- Earn Item Reward
- Run the Improved Gauntlet

SKILLS TRAINER LESSONS

BASIC OFFENSE

- Acceleration Burst
- **New:** Ball Carrier Moves
- **New:** Advanced Ball Carrier Moves
- Passing Mechanics
- Total Control Passing
- Hat Count
- 3 on 3 Offense
- Backed Up at Goal Line
- Red Zone Offense

BASIC DEFENSE

- Tackling Mechanics
- Pass Rush
- Hit Stack
- Red Zone Defense
- Oklahoma Defense
- Coverage Mechanics

NEW: SPECIAL TEAMS

- Field Goal Kicking
- Punting
- Kick Blocking
- Punt Blocking
- Trick Plays

RUN CONCEPTS

- Hat Count
- Outside Zone
- Inside Zone
- Power
- Trap
- Counter

NEW: RUN DEFENSE

- Gaps
- Tackle Battle
- Inside Run Defense
- Outside Run Defense

NEW: PASS DEFENSE

- Man Blitz
- Zone Blitz
- Cover 1
- Cover 2
- Cover 2 Man
- Cover 3
- Cover 4
- Cover 6

READ PASS CONCEPTS

- Curl Flat Read Concept
- Mills Read Concept
- Slant Flats Concept
- Smas Read Concept
- Stick Read Concept
- Verticals Read Concept

PROGRESSION PASS CONCEPTS

- Dagger Pass Concept
- Drive Pass Concept
- Flood Read Concept
- Levels Pass Concept
- PA Power O Concept
- PA Rollout Concept
- Shallow Cross Concept
- Shot Pass Concept
- Spacing Pass Concept
- Spot Pass Concept
- Switch Concept

ADVANCED TECHNIQUES

- Pocket Presence
- User Coverage
- Total Control Passing
- The Option
- Triple Option
- Midline Option
- Inverted Veer Option

PRE-PLAY

- Pass Protection Adjustments
- Offensive Hot Routes
- Offensive Audibles
- Defensive Adjustments
- Adjust Coverage
- Defensive Audibles

There are two main sections to the Skills Trainer: the tutorial and the drill. The tutorial provides a breakdown of the controls that you need to know for this drill, which is essential for new players, as well as veterans learning new concepts. Next, the drill is where you can put these controls into action and meet the appropriate goal to move on.

PACK REWARDS

You only need to achieve bronze to earn your pack rewards.

PASSING CONCEPTS CHEAT SHEET

Once you're done practicing how to read defensive coverages, keep this concept sheet handy. It shows which offensive concepts/plays match up well against defensive coverages. If you go into Plays by Concept at the play-calling screen, you should find some great plays.

GOOD PLAYS VS:					
COVER 0	**COVER 1 (MAN)**	**COVER 2 ZONE**	**COVER 2 MAN**	**COVER 3**	**COVER 4**
Verticals	Slot Cross	Four Verticals	Texas	Verticals	Stick
Screen Passes	Double Moves	Smash	Mesh	Curl Flat	Drive
Slants	Shallow Cross	Flood	Stick N Nod	Pivot	Dig/Post Combo

BAD PLAYS VS:					
COVER 0	**COVER 1 (MAN)**	**COVER 2 ZONE**	**COVER 2 MAN**	**COVER 3**	**COVER 4**
Levels	Levels	Comebacks	Four Verticals	Slant Flat	Verticals
Smash	Spacing	Mesh	Spacing	Mesh	Curl Flats
Comebacks	HB Slip Screen	Slant Flat	Bubble Screen	Slot Cross	Mesh

The Gauntlet is back and includes new challenges to help you practice the new mechanics. It's a great way to test your skills in a very unconventional way. This allows you to focus on the skill and the mechanics without the distractions of live game strategy. Keep an eye out for ladder and extra-life challenges that can give you more lives or allow you to skip levels.

GAUNTLET BOSS LEVEL GUIDE

The Gauntlet has some all-new bosses this year, along with all of your old favorites. The game puts you up against a random defensive team this season, so you never know which opponent you're going to face. You also never know which boss challenge you're going to get at each level (but we've listed all the possibilities!), so be ready for anything. You have a 6 percent chance of getting a risk level at any level or a 7 percent chance of getting a bonus. Completing a risk level allows you to jump three levels forward, but if you fail, you jump two levels back.

LEVEL 5 PRO TIPS

HURRICANE SEASON

The kicking arc is your best friend on this drill. Take your time and line up the swaying arc between the uprights.

RACE TO THE BALL

Simply starting the meter but not trying to time the kick or stop it results in a kick with no power and should give you a great chance.

PUNTING INTO THE WIND

Don't move the kicking arrow. Click onto a different player than the punter to give yourself more speed on the recovery.

SWINGING GATE

Aim for full power, because it has the smallest variation, and don't forget to factor in the time to let the meter fill up!

LEVEL 10 PRO TIPS

ENTOURAGE

Be very patient on this level. Start toward the left side, then speed up and finish to the right.

BODYGUARDS

Leave the first defender unblocked and your teammates will pick him up. Look for higher priority targets downfield.

FLYING V

You can run through the hot spots; they won't slow you down or end the level!

LEVEL 15 PRO TIPS

RB GAUNTLET

If you time a move correctly, you will always fake out the defender.

RB GAUNTLET 2

The groups of defenders make it tough to fake out just one player. The sideline and your speed advantage are your friends here.

BEAT THE CLOCK

Start left or right, but never toward the middle. Keep an eye on the clock, which is small and in the right corner of the screen.

LEVEL 20 PRO TIPS

EXTEND THE PLAY

A completed pass that's not in the hot zone doesn't count as a fail!

HALLWAY

Playmaker is still great, but use conservative catches to help with the narrow sidelines.

TRICKERATION

Keep the HB alive with the ball and wait for the QB to finish his route before throwing it back to him.

LEVEL 25 PRO TIPS

MEDIA DAY

Remember that the people on the field can slow you down, or they can slow down your would-be tacklers.

MINEFIELD

Let your center take out two tacklers.

LEVEL 30 PRO TIPS

ONE MAN D

Never go for an interception; use the swat option (RB/R1).

ONE MAN D 2

You have a speed advantage, so don't dive and take yourself out of the play. You can knock over blockers to trip up the back.

LEVEL 35 PRO TIPS

STAY ALIVE

This drill has been the most difficult one. It's still tough, but do-able.

HOOK AND LADDER

Get the ball quickly to the last back with three pitches and then hit the corner of the end zone on the left side.

LEVEL 40 PRO TIPS

HAIL MARY

The final boss is still one of the toughest; remember to use your WR's speed to your advantage.

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The Top 17 Plays in Madden NFL 17

Madden NFL 17 has been improved and changed in many ways. To simply use last season's best plays in the same way could get you in trouble. Because of the Gap Play and Improved Running Game, your play selection must change, and we've provided our favorite plays in the game to help you out.

PLAY 17

GUN Y TRIPS HB WK – SHOVEL OPTION

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Browns, Colts

CONCEPT: Shovel Option

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: We prefer to run shovel option more like a "speed" option. Very rarely will you see the defense react where you will pitch the ball inside to the TE trailing the play. Simply read the outside "pitch man" and either keep the ball with QB (if the pitch man stays wide with the HB) or pitch outside to the halfback for a larger gain (if the pitch man jumps to the QB).

PLAY 16

GUN TRIO OFFSET WK – VERTICALS

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Eagles

CONCEPT: Verticals

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: Verticals is not as effective as it has been in previous years. With new "zone rules" implemented to provide a better sense of defensive scheme, you won't see the free safety jumping the wrong route nearly as often. However, Gun Trio Offset Wk has one of the single fastest routes in Madden 17. The HB on this in pattern is an absolute mismatch against linebackers and most corners in man-to-man coverage. This route is almost a guaranteed 8-12 yards versus man coverage, while you can still throw this pattern as a check down as it crosses to the left against zone. In years past, throwing the ball deep to the WR in verticals was the play. This year, force your opponent to respect this HB route, which will open up the deep ball.

PLAY 15

GUN TRIPS TE – PA SLOT CORNER

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Panthers, Texans, Jaguars, Chiefs

CONCEPT: Switch

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: In this play, you have the ability to flood the defense to the left sideline by placing the outside left WR on a Streak and the middle WR on a Flat. You can also stress the middle of the field by working the post and the drag together as a "high-low" read. Corners, posts, and drags are all effective against man-to-man, as well. This is one of the more slept on plays in Madden over the years. We feel like it was at its height of use in Madden 13 on last-gen, but will make a triumphant return this year.

PLAY 14

GUN TRIPS TE – PA SHOT WHEEL

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Texans, Jaguars, Patriots

CONCEPT: Switch

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: PA Shot Wheel is very difficult to defend because all of these routes have the ability to separate against man coverage and also flood zone along the left sideline. When run stock, your opponent will have to make a lot of adjustments to defend this route concept. We recommend placing the tight end on a drag to make their headache a little bigger. With all the focus to the deep left side of the field, the TE will be wide open as he crosses shallow toward the left hashmarks.

PLAY 13

GUN TREY OPEN – FK WR SCREEN

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Falcons, Chiefs

CONCEPT: Switch

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: This is a play that has an "unbumpable" fade to the left WR. Use as much speed as possible and take advantage of that free release. If your opponent is not in 2 man under, there's a very good chance at a one-play lob touchdown. Against most zone looks, we recommend placing the right WR on a drag to create a "high low" over the middle with the inverted C-route. You can also streak the right WR to create a nice flooding concept deep.

PLAY 12

GUN BUNCH HB STR – Y TRAIL

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Bills

CONCEPT: Texas

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: With four passing options to the right of the QB, this formation makes man-coverage very difficult to run. If your opponent is in man-to-man, defending the HB on his swing route to the right flat will be tough. Oftentimes the linebacker or corner on the left side of the field is responsible for that running back. You can run this as a trail concept against most zone coverages. The outside right WR on his drag will drive the hook zones' attention, allowing the TE to work in behind for an easy pass over the middle on his "Trail" route. If your TE has enough route running, the trail route can also get open vs. man-to-man, as well. You can also place the outside right WR on a streak to give you a flood to the right side versus zone coverage (streak/corner/HB in flat).

PLAY 11

GUN FLIP TRIPS – DEEP FORK

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Cardinals, Cowboys

CONCEPT: Switch

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 0 TE | 4 WR

STRATEGY: This play is another quick snapper's dream. You need to hot route the right WR to a drag in the short yardage scenario, or streak him if you are looking for bigger yardage. The HB on his "circle" route is still one of the best routes to beat man coverage out of the backfield, and provides a great check down against the blitz. The backside C route to the left WR is a great man-beater. We recommend putting a WR with high route running at this position.

PLAY 10

GUN SPLIT CLOSE – HB WHEEL

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Cardinals, Falcons, Colts

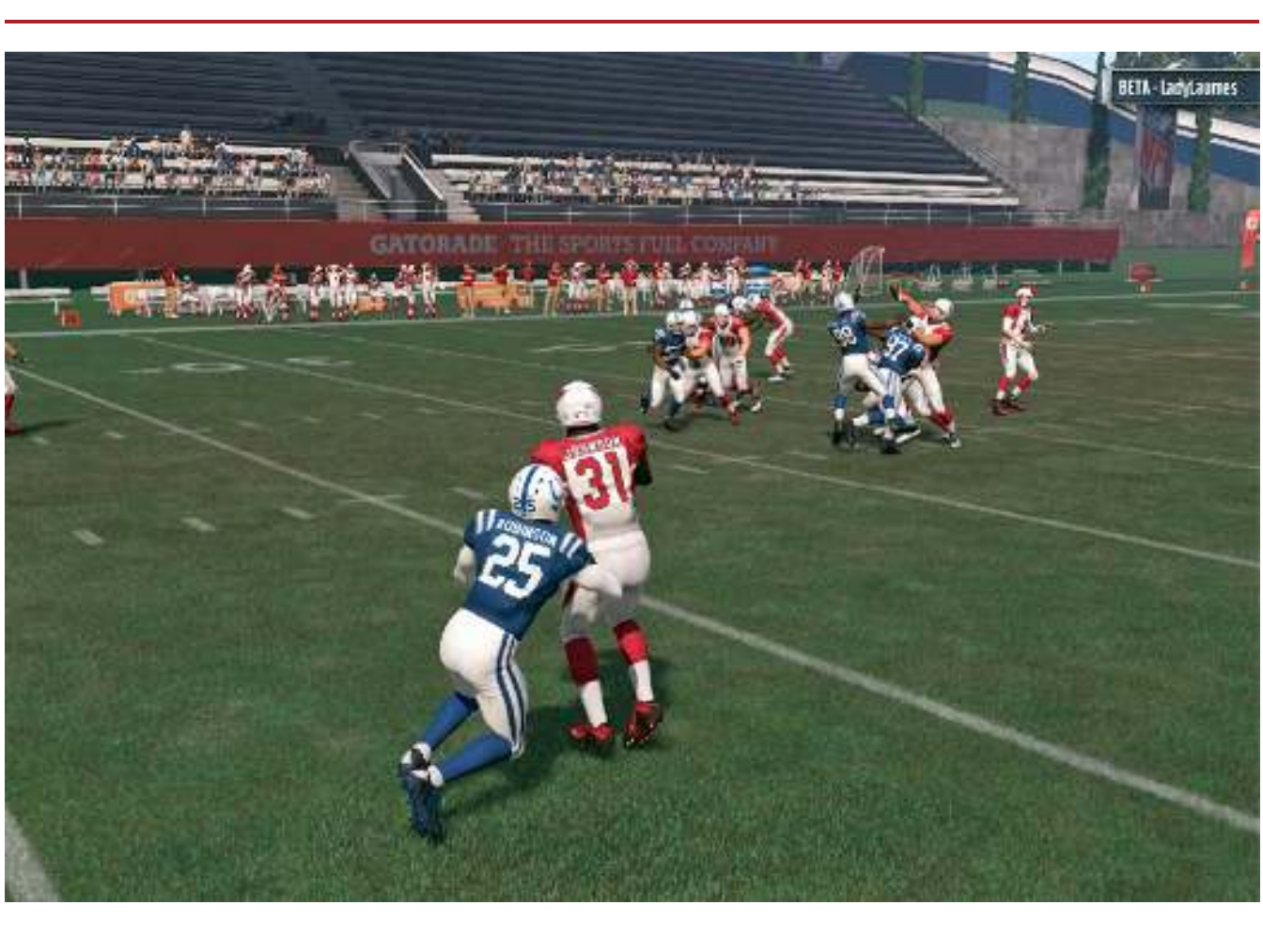
CONCEPT: N/A

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: This play is another one of the best quick snapper plays in Madden NFL 17. We recommend placing the outside right WR on a streak to "run off" deep coverage and help create room for the corner on the right. The left WR is on a skinny post, which will beat man-to-man, as well as all Cover 2 Variations in the game. The table routes to the HB and the TE coming out of the backfield are excellent check downs vs. the blitz. The primary read on this play is to look and see if the corner is open. If it's covered, the table should be open in most zone coverages. Your opponent will need a hard flat and a cloud flat/curl flat on that right side to stop both routes.

PLAY 9

GUN EMPTY BUNCH WIDE – POST CORNER READ



TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Cardinals, Redskins

CONCEPT: N/A

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: Post Corner Read is a new play from a brand new formation in Madden 17. We recommend messing with the different route combinations you can create by utilizing motion from this play. Any play with a post and a C route in the same play can't be wrong!

PLAY 8

GUN Y TRIPS HB WK – 5-6 TRAP

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Ravens, Chiefs

CONCEPT: Trap

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: Also known as "Wide Trap," this run is one of the best in the game. On your traditional trap plays, you will leave a defensive tackle unblocked and use a pulling guard to "kick him out" by running inside the block. In the 5-6 Trap, you will leave a defensive end or outside linebacker unblocked. This is a run that has a bit more versatility, allowing you to run inside the trap block, or bounce the run outside for a larger gain. Note that another run from the Shotgun Y-Trips HB Wk made our Top 17 list. If you like to create custom playbooks, you can gash your opponent to both the left and right from this formation!

PLAY 7

I FORM TIGHT PAIR – POWER G

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Vikings, Eagles, Bengals

CONCEPT: Power

PERSONNEL: 2 RB | 2 TE | 1 WR

STRATEGY: Power G is a "man's play" from a "man's formation" that uses the front side guard to pull out in front of the ball carrier and lead you outside. Most power runs utilize the backside guard and require that guard to have plenty of speed to get out in front of the running back. In this play, you avoid that dilemma. The fullback blocks up into the gap that the guard leaves, allowing you to run inside or outside for a big gain. This run requires the defense to overcommit by putting multiple bodies to the tight end side. If they fail to maintain their gap assignments, this play is a huge gain.

PLAY 6

SINGLEBACK ACE – HB STRETCH

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Cardinals, Cowboys, Lions, Bills, Browns, Broncos, Texans, Colts, Jaguars, Jets

CONCEPT: Outside Zone

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 2 TE | 1 WR

STRATEGY: Arguably the best run concept in the game, we feel that HB Stretch from Singleback Ace is the ideal "Stretch" play. Since this formation is symmetrical, you don't need to use the playmaker feature to flip the run to the opposite side. The QB's hip patting animation is a dead giveaway. Just flip the play and run to the weak side of the defense. Use the red and green windows to choose the correct side to run toward.

PLAY 5

GUN TIGHT DOUBLES ON – CROSS WHEELS

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Redskins, Texans, Patriots

CONCEPT: Switch

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: This play has gone by so many names over the years, but this "oldie but goodie" is still one of the best quick snap plays in the game. It has five routes that can all beat man coverage, but also has the ability to stress zone defense both vertically and horizontally.

PLAY 4

GUN ACE TWINS OFFSET - POSTS

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Cardinals, Vikings, Eagles, 49ers, Bengals

CONCEPT: Flood

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 2 TE | 2 WR

STRATEGY: Posts provides a number of concepts in the same play. By default you have the "Fork" concept in which the outside WR runs a post while the slot receiver runs a corner. However, a simple hot route of the outside WR to a streak creates a "Flood" concept. Underneath, you have the ability to work the "Texas" Concept with the right-side tight end and the HB on an angle pattern. When paired with the excellent runs in this formation (Inside Zone/Outside Zone), this is one of the hardest passing plays in Madden NFL 17 to defend.

PLAY 3

GUN DBLS Y-FLEX OFFSET – FORK WHEEL

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Vikings

CONCEPT: Switch

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: In this formation, you have the "Switch" concept, which has been useful in Madden for years. Cover 3 Match is a new defense this year. It does a very good job against most 2x2 set (two WRs to the left, two WRs to the right). In Cover 3 match, you see a lot of man-to-man principles. Switch is a great way to work against these "zone rules." On the other side of the formation, you have the "Fork" concept with a corner and a post together. These routes also perform well against man-to-man. The check down to the RB on the in route out of the backfield proves very useful versus softer underneath zones, as well as blitzes. If you're struggling to beat the Cover 3 Match, utilize motion of one of the WRs on the "Fork" side of the play to the left to create a Trips look. Cover 3 Match automatically defaults to a traditional Cover 3 zone against any Trips set, as the "zone rules" are not equipped to deal with the stresses that three WRs to a single side provide.

PLAY 2

GUN TIGHT SLOT OPEN – BENCH SWITCH

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: 49ers

CONCEPT: Smash

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: This is a simple play-action flood concept. The skinny post is in an excellent position to attack man-to-man and every variation of Cover 2 in Madden NFL 17. The left slot receiver's crossing route will be quick to cross to the right side of the field due to the alignment of the formation. Use your QB's legs to roll out to the right and look deep to short in your progression. You will want an option with high route running in the right slot, as the whip pattern is very reliable in the check down.

PLAY 1

SINGLEBACK TIGHT SLOTS – HB WHEEL

BETA - LadyLaumes

TEAM PLAYBOOKS: Panthers, Patriots

CONCEPT: N/A

PERSONNEL: 1 RB | 1 TE | 3 WR

STRATEGY: Stiffmeister's (the Madden 16 Champion) favorite play makes its return in Madden 17—and it might be better than ever. This play is a quick snapper's dream. It's designed to beat man-to-man, Cover 2 zone variations, and Cover 3 variations with almost no set up at all. Motion snap the corner to the wide side of the field to really stress out zone coverage.

What Is Draft Champions?

Implemented in 2015, Draft Champions is a newer way to play, with a ton of features. This free-to-play game mode builds in the excitement of a fantasy football draft with on-the-field *Madden NFL* action. Players in Draft Champions can choose to compete in a solo draft against the CPU or in a head-to-head (H2H) draft. You start by picking a coach, which gives you the playbooks and team style. From there, the fun begins, and you will draft 15 rounds of players before playing with your team. The more you win, the greater the rewards you can earn!

DRAFT CHAMPIONS CHECKLIST

- Choose Solo or H2H Draft
- Pick Your Coach
- Draft 15 Rounds
- Win to Earn Greater Rewards

WHAT'S NEW IN DRAFT CHAMPIONS?

Ranked Draft Champions (DCR), Play A Friend, H2H, and Solo Draft modes are all back. And, this time with twice as many players available at launch, so expect to see a lot more players in your drafts.

DCR is the first of the highly competitive modes and the best players will be invited to online tournaments that will lead toward the Madden 17 Championship!

DCR has a new Leaderboard where you can see how you stack up against all of the other players in the world. This year there's also a major focus on community events. Starting September 9, you will have access to FRIDAY NIGHT DRAFTS, which will have all new Solo Drafts, EXCLUSIVE players, and richer rewards. Check your in-game Announcements for details.

DRAFT ON

- Check your base team for sleepers—they may change your draft plan.
- Keep an eye out for legends; drafting one is an excellent way to give your team an identity.

From the Main menu, select the Draft Champions panel to get started building your team. Once you select solo or head-to-head, you can enter a draft and begin selecting your team. The game gives you a starting roster with base players who generally have an Overall rating around 68 to 70. You won't have enough selections to fully create a lineup, so keep an eye on these players, as they will see the field at some point. All of these players have strengths and weaknesses, so try to get the most out of them if they make the lineup.

Know which positions you need elite talent in, and which ones you don't value unless something great comes up. If you grab an elite QB but keep a base left tackle, will you have enough time to consistently throw downfield? This is what makes Draft Champions so compelling. Remember that there are no wrong answers.

TEAM STYLES

- The biggest factor in your team's style is your coach. Each coach grants +50 to style on offense and defense.
- One of the toughest decisions in Draft Champions is choosing between a coach with a good playbook and one with a good style: lean toward playbook!

Building up your team style is a great way to get your team some boosts during gameplay. Keep an eye on the items that you are collecting, and start to build out a lineup. By flipping over an item, you can see how much style it will add to your team. Make sure to get your players in their proper positions to receive the boost. Styles and boosts work the same way as in *Madden Ultimate Team*, so test them there and find one that you are comfortable with. This way, you can experiment with the effects of style. For example, is a +50 boost enough, or do you like to go higher?

AFTER THE DRAFT

After the draft is complete, you can adjust your lineup and play your Draft Champions game. You can also evaluate your coaching, as well as equipment like uniforms and stadiums. Taking a few seconds to adjust your lineup can pay off significantly once you hit the field. Make sure you get all the talent you selected into the best positions to make plays. If you selected two HBs, consider moving one to receiver if he has a high Catch rating. If you selected two OLBs who play the same side, move the backup to the other side to replace a base-level player.

All of these small tweaks will help you get the most from the lineup once you get on the field. Using the Compare Items option in the Lineup screen is a great way to evaluate players' abilities and see who matches your team's play style. Finding good formations is crucial to success.

For example, you want a formation to spread out the defense if you went heavy on receivers, but you'll need different options for pounding the ball if you chose a halfback and strong offensive line. To help find the best plays in your playbook, check out the play-calling sheets in the Teams chapter.

Your opponent will have some great players but will also be weak at a few positions. Try to target them and get your best talent matched up against their weaker positions, but know that they will do the same.

Using the matchup stick in-game is a good way to keep an eye on these potential ratings mismatches.

The game will keep you updated on your wins and losses. Don't worry if you take a loss: that just means you get to do another draft! If you keep racking up the wins, you will keep earning better rewards. If you chose the solo challenge route, you need to win three games before you lose one to earn rewards. If you chose head-to-head, you must win four games before you lose one. Once you lose, you get your rewards (depending on how many games you won), and then you draft a new team all over again.

OFFENSIVE STYLES

- **SHORT PASS STYLE** boosts Catch in Traffic and Pass Blocking to improve your ability to complete short to intermediate passes.
- **LONG PASS STYLE** boosts Route Running and Pass Blocking and improves your ability to complete intermediate to deep passes.
- **GROUND AND POUND STYLE** boosts Trucking and Run Blocking, thus increasing your effectiveness with a power running game plan.
- **SPEED RUN STYLE** boosts Elusiveness and Run Blocking, increasing the effectiveness of a running game plan built around quickness.

DEFENSIVE STYLES

- **ZONE DEFENSE STYLE** boosts Play Recognition and Zone Coverage, so there's an increased chance of success when you call zone coverage plays.
- **MAN DEFENSE STYLE** boosts Play Recognition and Man Coverage for an increased chance of success when you call man coverage plays.
- **PASS RUSH STYLE** boosts Pursuit and Block Shedding, so players blitzing the QB are more likely to escape blocks.
- **RUN STUFF STYLE** boosts Tackling and Block Shedding, so defenders have a better chance of shutting down plays.
- Don't forget to optimize your lineup for the 4-3 or 3-4 defense depending on which coach you selected and his playbook.
- You will be able to see your opponent's best players when loading into the game, so think about how they will use them.

Draft Champions Mode

Top 5 Tips for Draft Champions

Draft Champions is a brand-new mode that puts all players on equal ground when constructing their teams. Since the rounds are totally random and no two drafts are the same, your results will vary. You may feel very confident about your team after one draft but feel like you made a mistake in the next round. No matter what, your team will be able to win games on the field, so stay cool and be ready!

TIP 5

HAVE A PLAN

Taking on a human opponent is one of the biggest challenges. In general, they tend to draft their favorite players or skill positions and leave the offensive line weak.

Knowing which type of team you want to build is extremely important when starting a draft. Although you never know which players will appear, you can ask yourself a few questions about your play style to really have an advantage:

- Is my defensive playbook a 3-4 or 4-3?
- Would I rather be a run-first or pass-first player?
- Which position is the most valuable to me on offense?

QB is the most important position in Draft Champions; however, if you favor a run-heavy style and get an elite offensive line, your HB could be your most important player.

- If a certain elite player is available, will I select him even if I already have that position covered and a need at another spot?
- Who would be a fun player to user-control on defense?
- Should I draft based on ratings or based on name recognition?
- How much do I value if a player matches up with my team style?

The best part is that even if you don't have quite the draft you planned for, you will still have a solid team that can win games.

TIP 4

SET YOUR LINEUP

You Can Always Pause The Game And Make More Changes To Your Depth Chart If Something Isn't Lining Up Like You Expected.

Now that you have drafted your squad, make sure to get them set up in their optimal positions before heading into a game. By taking the extra time to review your lineup and make adjustments, you can double-check your strengths and weaknesses. If you doubled up on a position, now is the time to make a move and see if you can find a spot in the lineup for both players. Picking up two guards or LBs at the same position isn't a big deal since you can shift them around. You won't gain the style boost, but they will likely be better than your base player.

TIP 3

TEST EVERYTHING AND KEEP NOTES

Make Sure To Write Down If A Certain Playbook Fit Your Style, And Note Any Specific Plays From It That You Liked. You Can Likely Find Most Offensive Concepts And Defensive Plays In Multiple Playbooks, So The Knowledge Really Helps Over Time.

One of the best parts of this mode is finding some talented players who seem to play even better than their ratings. On the flip side, not every elite player will catch every single pass thrown his way. Keep a notebook next to your desk, and record any time when a player makes a big play for your team. If you utilize players out of position, make a note if you feel they improved or declined. Generally, as long as a player fits into the role of the new position, it was worth it to swap positions even if it wasn't his natural listed spot.

TIP 2

KNOW YOUR HOLES

Evaluate Your Base Team Before Making Any Selections. A Few Solid Players Can Be Used In Your Lineup Despite Their Average Overall Rating.

With only a 15-round draft and 22 starting spots, your team will ultimately be weak somewhere. Don't be discouraged if you didn't get to load your team up quite like you could in *Madden Ultimate Team*. Your backups will play a big role in the game, and they all have strengths and weaknesses. Focus on bringing out their best talents by getting them in good positions for their skill sets.

TIP 1

TAKE YOUR TIME

Once You Are On The Field, The Stars Under Certain Player Rings Indicate Who The Best Players Are, So Look For Them.

The draft is easily the best part of the new experience; take your time and enjoy it. You have unlimited time to make a pick, so relax and use all of the information that is available to you. In each new round, review the players you have already selected, and make sure to look for some of those deeper hidden ratings on the back of the card. It will take a few rounds, but eventually, you will get confident enough to make a pick without having to flip the cards. Until then, take a deep breath and take your time.

Remember that there is no wrong pick. Even if you feel like you messed up 15 times in a row, your team's Overall rating will still be high enough to potentially win a game against someone who made 15 "perfect" selections. "Scheme over team!"

To create this guide, several things had to be put together in a very precise manner over hundreds of hours. From the organization, gameplay, testing, and re-testing we would never have been able to accomplish all of this without the help of the pros, Zan and Litzout. Their knowledge and decade-plus of experience has truly made this guide what it is. Here's a little bit about these amazing contributors:

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A MESSAGE TO MADDEN NFL 17 FANS AND COMMUNITY FROM ZAN

As you can see, you're in good hands rolling with me. There are very few who can compete with the best of the best every single year while giving away their most coveted material to other Madden players. I take pride in my work and know it will take your game to the next level.

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Draft Champions Coach/Playbook Guides by Team

Chicago Bears

OFFENSE

The Bears' playbook has seen some changes in *Madden NFL 17* and is now a balanced playbook with plenty of chances for big plays downfield. Run-first players will need an all-around HB, while pass-first players should aim for a big receiving target.

KEY FORMATION

Singleback Tight Flex is the optimal formation to start out in, especially if you get a balanced TE who can run-block and hit the seam. If you can't block your opponent's pass rush, drop back to shotgun.

KEY PLAYER

QB with 95+ Throw Power

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Jumbo Pair, Jumbo Z, Ace, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch, Doubles, Y-Trips, Wing Trips Open
- **I-FORM:** Pro, H Tight, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Tight
- **GUN:** SPLIT SLOT, DOUBLES OFFSET, DOUBLES HB WK, DBLS WING OFFSET WK, STACK OFFSET WK, Y-TRIPS HB WK, WING TRIPS BEAR, WING TRIPS BEAR WK, BUNCH OFFSET, BUNCH OPEN OFFSET, TRIPS TE OFFSET, SPREAD HB WK, TRIPS Y-FLEX TIGHT, TRIPS Y ISO, EMPTY Y-FLEX, EMPTY Y SLOT

No matter which style you want PRO TIP to run, having a big arm to unleash an attempt downfield once per half will keep the defense hesitant to cram the box.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- HB (SPD, TRK, CTH)
- WR (6'3"+ RTE, SPC)
- QB (THP, DAC, PAC)

DEFENSE

The Bears have changed over to a 3-4 playbook and will really benefit from pass-rushing defensive ends who won't need to drop into zone too frequently. No matter what, you still need a solid MLB who is built for zone coverage.

KEY FORMATION

The Bears' Nickel 2-4-5 Prowl is a great defensive formation that can really give the offense headaches. Start with the Cover 2 Drop, and see if all the commotion before the snap doesn't throw your opponent off for a while.

KEY PLAYER

MLB with 85+ Play Recognition

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Bear
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 DBL A GAP, 3-3-5, WIDE
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 2-3-6 WILL

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Cincinnati Bengals

OFFENSE

The Bengals' offense is optimized for either a power or speed back, which makes it versatile. If you get a power back, stick with the under-center run formations. If you find an elusive player, get him out in space for screens and counters from shotgun.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Trips Y Iso will let your best offensive playmaker get a chance downfield.

KEY PLAYER

WR/TE with 85+ Spectacular Catch

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Ace, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Doubles, Y-Trips, Snugs Flip, Bunch
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro, Close, Pro Twins
- **WEAK:** Pro Twins
- **PISTOL:** Strong Twins
- **GUN:** Split Slot, Ace Offset, Ace Twins Offset, Doubles Offset, Y-Trips Bengal, Trio, Bunch Wk, Double Stack, Normal Y-Flex Tight, Trips Y Iso, Trey Open, Empty Trey, Empty Base Flex
- **WILDCAT:** Bengal

- The Bengals' playbook has some solid one-on-one routes if you can land a star WR, but make sure that your QB has the throwing power to get the ball downfield.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (SPD, RTE, SPC)
- QB (THP, MAC, DAC)
- HB (SPD, CTH, ELU)

DEFENSE

The Bengals' defensive book contains lots of versatility for a 4-3 playbook. By dropping defensive ends into coverage and sending LBs on blitzes, you can create plenty of confusion.

KEY FORMATION

The 46 Normal is perfect for slowing down the run and testing your opponent's passing game. Move your defensive linemen around to find them good rushing matchups.

KEY PLAYER

DT with 85+ Finesse Moves

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Normal
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, 3-3-5, 3-3-5 Wide

Buffalo Bills

OFFENSE

The Bills' offense is perfect for players who like to mix two HBs into their game plan. If you can commit to running the ball and keeping your backs fresh, you will have great success.

KEY FORMATION

Buffalo has an excellent formation with the Dbls Wing Offset Wk. This allows you to run inside or outside to set up quick throws to the edge. Use this formation to get your fastest playmakers a mismatch on the outside.

KEY PLAYER

HB with 90+ Speed

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo Pair, Ace, Ace Close, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Flex, Bunch Ace, Bills Doubles
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro, Tight Pair
- **WEAK:** Pro
- **PISTOL:** Full House TE, Full House Base, Strong Twins, Weak Twins, Ace Twins
- **GUN:** Doubles, Dbls Wing Offset Wk, Y-Trips Wk, Trio Offset Wk, Bunch HB Str, Spread Flex Wk, Trey Open, Empty Trey Flex

Look for a mobile QB rather than a pocket passer, especially if the difference in Overall rating is within a few points.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- HB (SPD, ACC, ELU)
- WR (SPD, ACC, RLS)
- QB (ACC, PAC, MAC)

DEFENSE

The Bills' playbook has always been built around solid defensive linemen and fast edge rushers. However, you can add more blitzes to your game plan with a new coach in town.

KEY FORMATION

Look to the Nickel 2-4-5 Even as a formation where you can get the most out of your lineup. The 3-3-5 Wide is also an option if you are more comfortable and want to shut down the edge runs.

KEY PLAYER

OLB with 90+ FMV/PMV

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Predator, Over, Over Ed, Bear
- **4-4:** Split
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 1-4-6
- **DOLLAR:** 3-2-4

Denver Broncos

OFFENSE

The Denver offense has some unique formation names, with “dice” and “deuce” showing up, but don’t be fooled—it is one of the best playbooks for passing downfield in *Madden NFL 17*.

KEY FORMATION

Pistol Bunch TE forces the defense into a tough alignment against the offense, allowing you to take any area they leave weak. Start out by targeting the flats early and often until they commit to slowing you down. Short passes don’t just set you up for later in the game; one broken tackle can turn a short gain into a first down.

KEY PLAYER

WR with 90+ Route Running

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Jumbo Z, Ace, Ace Twins, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch Ace, Tight U Slot, Doubles, Y-Trips, Wing Trips Open, Trio
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Tight Twins, Tight
- **STRONG:** Pro Twins
- **WEAK:** Pro Twins, Slot Flex
- **PISTOL:** Bunch, Trips
- **GUN:** Ace, Doubles, Doubles HB Wk, Bunch Wk, Snugs, Normal Y-Flex, Empty Bronco

This playbook has multiple receiving options from every formation, but whenever you get one-on-one coverage, take a chance downfield if you have a good matchup.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (6’3”, RTE, SPC, ACC)
- TE (RTE, ACC, SPD)
- QB (THP, SAC, DAC)

DEFENSE

The Broncos use a 3-4 defensive scheme in *Madden NFL 17* and have great coverages that allow for CBs to play physical man coverage. This is a fairly rare style, but it can be a tough matchup for players who don’t face heavy man coverage.

KEY FORMATION

The Nickel 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap formation is a little aggressive, but it lets you bring serious pressure on third down. If your opponents didn’t build heavily on the offensive line, they will be in trouble!

KEY PLAYER

CB with 90 Press

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Solid
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 2-3-6 Will, 1-4-6

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OFFENSE

The Browns have a pretty versatile offensive playbook, with the ability to build schemes from under center, pistol, or shotgun. Your final scheme will vary heavily, depending on which players you find in the draft.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Split Close Browns is one of the best formations in the game, especially for players who want to throw the ball. Look for a halfback who can catch out of the backfield, along with a big, safety valve-style tight end who will really help make this formation tough to stop.

KEY PLAYER

QB with 88+ Short Accuracy

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Deuce Close, Ace Pair, Pair Tight Twins, Bunch Ace, Doubles, T-Trips
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Twins Flex, Tight, Tight Pair, Hulk
- **STRONG:** Pro, Twins Flex, Tight Pair
- **WEAK:** Pro
- **PISTOL:** Slot Wings, Y-Trips
- **GUN:** Split Close, Stack Offset Wk, Doubles, Y-Trips HB Wk, Bunch TE, Bunch Wk, Snugs Flip, Doubles Flex, Y-Trips Open, Trey Open, Empty Trey, Empty Trey Flex
- **WILDCAT:** Trips Over

Effective use of play action and new rollouts will make the Cleveland offensive playbook much more successful.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (SPD, CTH, RTE)
- QB (PAC, SAC, ACC)
- LT (IPB, STR, PBK)

DEFENSE

The Browns' defensive scheme is best with strong players built to stop the run on the defensive line. This means that the pressure will come from the OLB positions, especially if the secondary can stick with their matchups for a bit after the snap.

KEY FORMATION

Nickel 2-4-5 is a crucial formation to optimize. If you can stay in this for most of the game, your opponent will be forced to make solid reads.

KEY PLAYER

CB with 85 Man Coverage

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Solid
- **4-4:** Split
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

OFFENSE

If you select the Bucs' playbook, you will live and die by the big passing play downfield. If you feel comfortable with the aggressive catch in *Madden NFL 17*, this playbook is perfect for you.

KEY FORMATION

The trio alignment in Gun Trio Buc is very tough for defenses to line up against no matter what type of talent you end up drafting. If you get your big WR, make sure to take a shot deep with PA Shot Wheel.

KEY PLAYER

Finding a big WR in the draft can pay off. If your opponent didn't land an elite CB, he or she will be forced to double-team your receiver nearly all game.

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Jumbo Z, Ace, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins Bunch, Doubles, Y-Trips, Wing Trip-O
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Close, Pro Twins, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro, Y-Off, Tight Pair
- **WEAK:** Pro, Close, Pro Twins, Tight Pair
- **GUN:** Split Slot, Doubles, Bunch Wk, Tight Flex, Spread, Normal Y-Flex, Spread Flex Wk, Double Flex, Buc Trips, Empty Base Empty Base Flex

If you don't get a great offensive line, create more time in the pocket by blocking both of your backs in certain formations.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (6'3"+, CIT, SPC, RTE)
- QB (DAC, THP, MAC)
- WR (6'3"+, CIT, SPC, RLS)

DEFENSE

Tampa has a nice mix of 4-3 formations that you can use against a balanced offense. If they are run-heavy, get into the 46 Bear Under. If they are pass-heavy, the Big Dime can be a solid formation to get faster players on the field.

KEY FORMATION

Big Dime 4-1-6 is a unique formation that should help slow down pass-heavy teams without sacrificing too much in the run game.

KEY PLAYER

MLB with 80+ Zone Coverage

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Bear Under
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9
- **DIME:** Normal
- **DOLLAR:** 3-2-6

Arizona Cardinals

OFFENSE

The Arizona Cardinals' offense is loaded with big passing plays for players who like to attack downfield. While this isn't the style for everyone, a confident passer can really tear up defenses that don't build up their secondary. Consider also drafting some linemen to allow your QB the time he needs in the pocket.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Flip Trips is an excellent formation, with every concept needed for a successful attack. Use the plays with built-in auto-motion to switch between attacking the corner and over the middle. Your opponent won't be able to tell what is coming next!

KEY PLAYER

90+ QB with 88+ Deep Accuracy

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Jumbo Pair, Ace, Ace Pair, Pair Tight Twins, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch Ace, Tight Doubles On, Doubles, Zona Y-Trips, Wing Trips
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro, Pro Twins
- **WEAK:** Flex Twins, Tight Pair
- **PISTOL:** Twin TE Flex
- **GUN:** Split Close, Ace Twins Offset, Doubles, Y Trips Wk, Wing Trio Wk, Trey, Bunch HB Str, Snugs, Flip Trips, Spread, Trips HB Wk, Empty Trey Flex, Empty Bunch Wide

If you don't land a big-time WR in the draft, use a tight end. They have similar size and should be able to go up for the new "high-point" throws with an aggressive catch.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- QB (THP, DAC, MAC)
- LT (STR, PBK, RBK)
- WR (6'3"+ SPC, CIT)

DEFENSE

The strength of the Cardinals' defensive playbook is the LB corps. Since you can have up to five on the field at any time, you can never go wrong selecting just one more. Grab a big DT if available, but otherwise, try to stack your LBs.

KEY FORMATION

The Nickel 2-4-5 Prowl will provide the blitzing firepower and confusion you need to get your opponent off the field on third down. It works best with man coverage, so look for good Speed and Man Coverage ratings in your back seven.

KEY PLAYER

CB with 85+ Man Coverage

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Solid
- **4-4:** Split
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5 Even, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 1-4-6

San Diego Chargers

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OFFENSE

The Chargers have a pretty balanced playbook that allows them to be effective both by running and throwing the ball downfield. If you plan on using both options, make sure to get a QB who can get the ball into tight windows downfield to really take advantage.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Trips Y-Flex Tight formation will consistently be a tough matchup for man coverage due to the tight alignment. A TE who can run crisp routes will deliver first downs all game long.

KEY PLAYER

QB with 90+ Throw Power

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Tight Doubles, Doubles, Y-Trips, Bunch
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro
- **WEAK:** Tight Pair
- **PISTOL:** Ace Wing, Doubles
- **GUN:** Split Y-Flex, Doubles Wk, Y-Trips Wk, Trips TE, Bunch Wk, Normal Y-Flex Tight, Spread, Y-Trips Open, Trips Y-Flex Tight, Trey Open Charger, Empty Base Flex

If a second tight end catches your eye during the draft, don't hesitate to select him. You can always find a spot for him in the lineup.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- TE (CIT, RBK, SPC)
- QB (THP, DAC, MAC)
- HB (SPD, AGI, CTH)

DEFENSE

The Chargers have a solid 3-4 playbook that requires good strength from the defensive line, with fast finesse rushers at outside linebacker.

KEY FORMATION

Big Dime 2-3-6 Will positions your secondary players in unique spots and can hopefully confuse the offense. Don't sleep on a solid FS/SS combo!

KEY PLAYER

FS with 85+ Play Recognition

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Over Ed, Solid
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5 Even, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5, 3-3-5 Wide

OFFENSE

The Kansas City playbook has both good power running sets and a surprising number of four-plus WR sets. You can really pick the defense apart with short passes.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Trips TE is the best formation in the KC playbook. Try saving it for the second half to give your opponent a completely different look. It can light up the scoreboard quickly if you can't consistently pound the rock.

KEY PLAYER

HB with 88+ Overall

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo Pair, Ace, Ace Twins, Bunch Ace, Doubles, Y-Trips
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Twins Flex, Tight Pair
- **NEAR:** Close
- **STRONG:** Pro, Tight Pair
- **PISTOL:** Strong Twins, Weak
- **GUN:** Split Slot, Doubles, Y-Trips Wk, Wing Deep Offset, Trips TE, Trio Offset Wk, Trio Chief Bunch Wk, Bunch Open Offset, Snugs Flip, Trey Open, Empty Chief, Empty Trey, Bunch Quads.
- **WILDCAT:** Chief

Aim for an all-around TE if one becomes available; you can always play him at WR if you need to air it out.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- HB (SPD, ELU, CTH)
- TE (RBK, CIT, RTE)
- QB (SAC, PAC, MAC)

DEFENSE

The KC defensive playbook is another 3-4 base, so having a solid corps of LBs can't really hurt you. While picking strong defensive linemen isn't the fanciest move, they will really help stop the run.

KEY FORMATION

Nickel 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap puts tremendous pressure on your opponent's offensive line. Send blitzes early and often!

KEY PLAYER

OLB with 85+ Block Shedding

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Solid, Bear
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 1-4-6

Indianapolis Colts

OFFENSE

The Colts' offensive playbook can be one of the most balanced in the entire game. Although they have newer formations like Pistol, don't sleep on their power running sets. They have been around for some time, but they can still be tough to stop, depending on your team build.

KEY FORMATION

The Colts are the only team in the game with Gun Bunch TE, which you should use heavily. The formation should easily beat zone coverage, and it contains nearly every concept without needing to adjust.

KEY PLAYER

QB with 85+ Deep Accuracy

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Deuce Close, Ace Pair, Pair Tight Twins, Bunch Ace, Doubles, Y-Trips TE Slot, Wing Trips Open
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Twins Flex, Tight, Tight Pair
- **NEAR:** Close
- **STRONG:** Pro, Twins Flex, Tight Pair
- **WEAK:** Pro
- **PISTOL:** Slot Wing, Y-Trips
- **GUN:** Split Close, Doubles, Y-Trips HB Wk, Bunch TE, Bunch Wk, Snugs Flip, Double Flex, Y-Trips Open, Trey Open, Empty Trey, Empty Trey Flex
- **WILDCAT:** Trips Over

If you build a dominant lineup for the power run game, try the I-Form Tackle Over until your opponents prove they can stop it.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- QB (DAC, SPD, THP)
- WR (SPD, RTE, CTH)
- TE (CIT, RBK, SPD)

DEFENSE

The Colts' defensive book is set up for quick finesse rushers to attack off the edge. This can leave them vulnerable to the run on early downs, but it really makes a lead valuable.

KEY FORMATION

The Nickel 2-4-5 is your most balanced formation, and it can be crucial if an opponent is looking to scramble or run off the edge. Bring a safety down by calling "show blitz" if an opponent starts to run at your weakest OLB.

KEY PLAYER

MLB with 85+ Zone Coverage

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Predator, Over, Even, Bear
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 2-4-6

OFFENSE

The Cowboys' offensive playbook has a variety of formations that allow a balanced attack. Rather than a more explosive type, look for a safety valve TE who can run-block, and use him to keep the chains moving.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Empty Trips TE is perfect if your offensive line can win the battle. The TE has some solid routes that allow him to get position on defenders for possession catches.

KEY PLAYER

TE with 70+ RBK, 85+ CIT

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Ace Close, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Flex, Doubles, Y-Trips, Bunch
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Twins Flex, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Close
- **PISTOL:** Ace Twins, Y-Trips, Bunch
- **GUN:** Split Cowboy, Doubles, Y-Trips Cowboy, Wing Deep Offset, Trio Cowboy, Snugs Flip, Norm Y-Flex Tight, Flip Trips, Trey Open Cowboy, Empty Trey, Empty Trips TE, Empty Cowboy
- **WILDCAT:** Cowboys

You can really generate a strong ground attack with this playbook on early downs to make your third downs very manageable.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- TE (RBK, CIT, RTE)
- HB (TRK, SPD, CTH)
- TE (CIT, RBK, SPD)

DEFENSE

The Cowboys' 4-3 defensive playbook is perfect for aggressive players who love to get eight defenders in the box and force their opponents to pass. Keep an eye out for any opposing receivers who need extra attention, and shade your safeties in that direction.

KEY FORMATION

The 46 Bear is a unique formation that isn't available in many playbooks. Make sure to try this as your base formation to stop the run, especially up the middle.

KEY PLAYER

LB with 87+ Acceleration

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Bear
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9
- **DIME:** Normal

Miami Dolphins

OFFENSE

The Miami playbook features multiple shotgun formations and can really be solid for a player who is balanced but has a bit more of a pass-first mentality. You don't have to run if the numbers in the box aren't in your favor.

KEY FORMATION

The Gun Wing Trips Dolphin formation is just one example of a wing formation in this playbook that allows for solid pass protection and versatility at the TE position.

KEY PLAYER

TE with 75+ RBK

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Jumbo Z, Jumbo Pair, Ace, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch, Doubles, Y-Trips, Wing Trips Open
- **I-FORM:** H Tight, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Tight
- **PISTOL:** Wing Trips
- **GUN:** Split Slot, Ace Offset, Doubles Offset, Double HB Wk, Stack Offset Wk, Wing Trips Dolphin, Wing Trips Dolphin Wk, Bunch Offset, Bunch Open Offset, Trips TE Offset, Spread HB Wk, Trips Y-Flex Tight, Trips Y Iso, Empty Y-Flex, Empty Y Slot
- **WILDCAT:** Cowboys

The Dolphins' playbook is another that only improves with the presence of a mobile QB. You don't need a speedster, but the ability to pick up a first down when scrambling on third and 5 is important.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- TE (RBK, CIT, RTE)
- QB (SAC, PAC, ACC)
- HB (TRK, AGI, SPD)

DEFENSE

The Dolphins have all of the traditional defensive formations of a 4-3 playbook, so generating pressure without using too many exotic blitzes will be important. If you play an opponent with a spread passing game who loaded up on receivers, use the Dollar 3-2-6.

KEY FORMATION

The 46 Bear Under provides a unique look to most defenses and can shut down the inside run if the 4-3 Wide 9 isn't getting it done.

KEY PLAYER

DT with 90+ PMV

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Bear Under
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9
- **DIME:** Normal

Philadelphia Eagles

OFFENSE

The Eagles' offensive playbook is a unique one in *Madden NFL 17* and contains the most shotgun formations by far. For optimal success, you must be comfortable passing and running from shotgun.

KEY FORMATION

In the Gun Ace Offset, learn how to run inside zone consistently, and the rest of your offense will open up. Every formation should have an inside run, an outside run, a screen, and a deep pass off play action.

KEY PLAYER

HB with 80+ Catch

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo Pair, Deuce Close, Ace Twins, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Flex, Bunch Ace, Doubles
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Close, Twins Flex, Tight Pair
- **NEAR:** Close
- **STRONG:** Pro Twins, Tight Pair
- **WEAK:** Pro
- **PISTOL:** Strong Twins, Strong Slot
- **GUN:** Split Slot, Ace Offset, Ace Twins Offset, Normal Flex Wk, Y-Trips Offset, Y-Trips Offset, Y-Trips Wk, Bunch Wide, Bunch Open Offset, Snugs Flip, Trey Open Offset, Empty Eagle

You don't need much throw power or speed at QB, but it doesn't hurt if the right player shows up!

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- HB (CTH, AGI, ELU)
- QB (PAC, SAC, DAC)
- WR (6'3", SPD, SPC)

DEFENSE

The Eagles have a solid 3-4 defensive playbook and also rely on multiple LBs moving around to create confusion.

KEY FORMATION

The 3-4 Predator allows an LB to rush from the DE position and hopefully outmaneuver a slower tackle with acceleration or finesse. Don't use this set on a running down, as this player won't be your strongest option.

KEY PLAYER

OLB with 87+ FMV

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **4-4:** Split
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9
- **DIME:** Normal

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Atlanta Falcons

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OFFENSE

The Atlanta Falcons' playbook is excellent for players who want to air the ball out. While it requires an elite WR and a solid offensive line, you can certainly win some shootouts with this playbook.

KEY FORMATION

Pistol Ace is an excellent formation that allows you to start the game very balanced as you learn the strengths of your team.

KEY PLAYER

WR with 85+ Spectacular Catch

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Ace Twins, Deuce Close, Ace Pair, Pair Tight Twins, Bunch Ace, Doubles, Slot Y Flex
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Y-Off, Close, Pro Twins, Tight Twins, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Y-Off, Close, Twins Flex
- **WEAK:** Pro, Close, Twins Flex
- **GUN:** Split Close, Stack Offset Wk, Doubles, Y-Trips HB Wk, Bunch Wide, Normal Y-Flex Tight, Trio Falcon, Trey Y-Flex Wk, Trey Open, Empty Base Flex

To acquire the most flexibility with your lineup, try adding a pass-catching HB or TE if one becomes available.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (SPD, SPC, CIT)
- TE (6'4"+, CIT, RTE)
- QB (PAC, DAC, THP))

DEFENSE

The Falcons have really expanded their defensive schemes to allow for multiple DEs/LBs to rush and drop into coverage at different times.

KEY FORMATION

Nickel 2-4-5 is a perfect point to build from for this playbook. If you end up slightly off either way, you will still have plenty of options.

KEY PLAYER

DE with 75+ Zone Coverage

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Bear Under
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9
- **DIME:** Normal
- **DOLLAR:** 3-2-6

San Francisco 49ers

OFFENSE

The 49ers' playbook is mainly best for players who want a power rushing attack. However, players who enjoy using a mobile QB and a shotgun running game can still find success if they can strike the proper balance.

KEY FORMATION

Pistol Full House TE is the best example of what this playbook has to offer: a solid power rushing attack with easy throws if the defense gets greedy.

KEY PLAYER

HB with 90 Trucking

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Ace, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Doubles, Wing Trips Open
- **PISTOL:** Doubles
- **GUN:** Split Slot, Slot Offset, Ace Offset, Ace Twins Offset, Twin TE Flex Wk, Doubles Offset, Doubles Wing, Doubles Offset Wk, Tackle Over Trips, Y-Trips Offset, Y-Trips Offset Wk, Wing Trips Niner, Wing Trips Niner Wk, Tackle Over, Trio Offset, Trio Offset Wk, Bunch Open, Bunch Open Offset, Doubles Stack, Tight Slot Open, Spread HB Wk, Flip Trips Niner, Trey Open Offset, Empty Base Flex

To acquire the most flexibility with your lineup, try adding a pass-catching HB or TE if one becomes available.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- HB (TRK, STR, BCV)
- QB (SPD, THP, SAC)
- TE (SPD, ACC, RTE)

DEFENSE

The 49ers' defense is best when constructed with two different linebacker types. Look for two balanced defenders at the MLB position, with a strong OLB on one side and a quicker pass rusher on the other. One of your MLBs and your pass-rushing OLB will be on the field nearly every down, so go elite.

KEY FORMATION

The 3-4 Odd is a great starting formation to see if your opponent can beat your zone coverage with passing, and it doesn't give up too much in the run game.

KEY PLAYER

OLB with 85+ Acceleration

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Bear
- **4-4:** Split
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 1-4-6

New York Giants

OFFENSE

The Giants' playbook was completely overhauled last year and is still going through changes, but it's perfect for players who like to utilize quick throws and the tight end position.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Trips Y Iso is just one of many new formations in the Giants' playbook. If you pick up multiple WRs, you can use this formation to draw attention to one receiver while another gets open for a big play.

KEY PLAYER

WR with 90+ Route Running

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Ace, Deuce Close, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch Ace, Giant Doubles, Y-Trips, Wing Trio
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight
- **STRONG:** Pro, Pro Twins
- **GUN:** Doubles Flex Wk, Doubles Flex Wing, Doubles Wing Wk, Stack Offset Wk, Y-Trips Wk, Wing Offset Wk, Trio Offset, Spread, Y-Trips Open, Trips Y Iso, Giant Trips, Empty Giant, Flex Trey

This playbook really works well if you can master the new RAC move.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (RTE, SPD, CIT)
- TE (CIT, RBK, RTE)
- QB (PAC, SAC, MAC)

DEFENSE

The Giants' defensive playbook is a solid 4-3 that relies on the ability of multiple pass rushers as the "bread and butter."

KEY FORMATION

Nickel NASCAR allows you to get DTs out of the game and DEs into unique spots along the line. Look for speed/size mismatches at the guard spot, and get your best pass rusher in there.

KEY PLAYER

DE with 90+ FMV

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **5-2:** Normal
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, NASCAR
- **DIME:** Normal

Jacksonville Jaguars

OFFENSE

The Jaguars' offensive playbook has some very solid shotgun formations, which don't require a ton of great pass-blocking up front. Hit your quick passes to HBs and TEs before going deep, or your QB could be in trouble.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Bunch Quads is one of the most distinctive formations in the game and should crush zone defense. If you master multiple concepts, you can stay in this formation for a good chunk of the game against defenses that are deficient against the pass.

KEY PLAYER

HB/WR with 90+ Agility

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo Z, Ace, Ace Twins, Ace Pair Twins, Doubles, Bunch
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Tight, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro
- **WEAK:** Pro Twins
- **PISTOL:** Weak, Ace, Slot Wing
- **GUN:** Split Jaguar, Doubles Wk, Y-Trips HB Wk, Trips TE, Bunch Wk, Snugs Flip, Spread Y-Flex, Trips Y ISO, Trey Open, Empty Y-Flex, Empty Base, Bunch Quads

The Jaguars' playbook has plenty of ways to get the ball to an athletic player in space. Perfect the RAC move to become a master of this scheme.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (ACC, AGI, CTH)
- TE (RBK, CIT, STR)
- QB (SAC, MAC, PAC)

DEFENSE

The Jaguars' playbook is built around a 4-3 defensive scheme. They don't have tons of flash in their plays, but if you can get a good pass rusher at either DE or OLB, he won't go to waste.

KEY FORMATION

The 46 Normal is a great way to shut down the run game early. It's a nice perk of the Jaguars' defensive book. If your opponent completes some passes, drop down to the Dollar 3-2-6.

KEY PLAYER

DT with 85+ Block Shedding

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Normal
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Four D Ends
- **DIME:** Normal
- **DOLLAR:** 3-2-6

New York Jets

OFFENSE

The Jets' offense won't have you winning shootouts, but it works well in combination with their aggressive defense. If you can grab a lead, it will put significant pressure on your opponent. The offensive line is an underrated area in Draft Champions. Not many players love selecting the big guys up front—until they get into a game and control the line of scrimmage, resulting in a win.

KEY FORMATION

Singleback Wing Trips is just one example of the Jets' new spread-style offensive playbook. Approach it as a run-first set before looking to the quick pass.

KEY PLAYER

HB with 90+ Trucking

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch Ace, Tight Slots, Doubles, Y-Trips, Wing Trips
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight
- **STRONG:** Pro, Twins Flex, Tight Pair
- **PISTOL:** Strong Slot, Slot, Wing Trips
- **GUN:** Split Jet, Doubles, Y-Trips Offset, Bunch Wk, Snugs, Spread Y-Slot, Y-Trips Open, Trips Y-Flex Tight, Trips Open Left, Trey Open, Empty Jet, Empty Spread, Bunch Quads

Although you may expect to see power run sets, this is a fairly spread-heavy playbook.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- C (STR, RBK, IPB)
- LG (STR, PBK, RBK)
- LT (STR, PBK, RBK)

DEFENSE

The Jets have one of the most aggressive blitzing playbooks in all of *Madden NFL 17*. Take advantage of these plays on third and long to generate sacks and even some turnovers!

KEY FORMATION

Rely on the 3-4 Solid early in games to shut down the run. Be sure to pass-commit if you think your opponent is going to call play action, and try a play like Trio Sky Zone.

KEY PLAYER

CB with 90+ Man Coverage

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Solid
- **4-4:** Split
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5 Even, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide

Detroit Lions

OFFENSE

The Lions' offensive playbook is built around the passing game and is one of the best to take advantage of the catching in *Madden NFL 17*. Although the playbook requires a big WR and a strong-armed QB, any opponent who didn't get an elite pass-rushing or cover CB will be outmatched.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Split Lion is a great early test for your opponent. Isolate your best WR on the outside and see if you have a favorable matchup. You can always check down to your HBs or keep them in to block if you notice an elite defensive pass rusher.

KEY PLAYER

6'4"+ WR with 90+ Spectacular Catch

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Flex, Bunch, Doubles, Y-Trips Lion
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Twins Flex, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Close
- **WEAK:** Pro
- **PISTOL:** Strong, Ace, Slot Flex Lion, Y-Trips
- **GUN:** Split Lion, Ace Twins, Doubles, Y-Trips Wk, Wing Trips Lion Wk, Snugs Flip, Spread Y-Flex, Trey Open Lion, Empty Lion, Empty Trey

A smaller WR with great route running (RAC!) can shift this book to more of a short-passing one that occasionally takes big shots downfield.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (SPD, CIT, SPC)
- QB (THP, DAC, MAC)
- WR/TE (SPD, RTE, CIT)

DEFENSE

The Lions' defensive playbook is built around getting a solid pass rush from the defensive line. This allows gold-level LBs to stay unblocked and to make plays. Since nearly all of the formations use four defensive linemen, you can't afford to come up short here, but the composition isn't a huge deal.

KEY FORMATION

The 5-2 formation can really lock down the run, even if your opponent went heavy on the offensive line in the draft.

KEY PLAYER

DT with 85+ Power Moves

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **5-2:** Normal
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9
- **DIME:** Normal
- **DOLLAR:** 3-2-6

Green Bay Packers

OFFENSE

The Packers' offensive playbook favors the passing game, but the right power back can really find some nice holes from the shotgun sets. Don't draft two big WRs unless an amazing opportunity appears; instead, look for one who can be elusive across the middle and run after the catch (RAC).

KEY FORMATION

Gun Doubles Flex Wing is an excellent formation that provides not only a running threat, but also the ability to block for a deep attempt downfield.

KEY PLAYER

QB with 93+ Throw Power and 85+ Medium Accuracy

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Ace, Ace Twins, Ace Pair, Doubles Pack, Tight Flex, Bunch
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Slot Flex, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Close
- **WEAK:** Slot
- **FULL HOUSE:** Wide
- **PISTOL:** Slot Flex Packer, Y-Trips
- **GUN:** Doubles On, Doubles Flex Wing, Y-Trips Wk, Wing Offset Wk, Bunch Wk, Normal Y-Flex Tight, Double Flex, Trips Y Iso, Pack Trips, Empty Trey, Flex Trey

The ability to control the pass type is huge in *Madden NFL 17,* and the Packers' book will really benefit from an accurate QB.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- QB (THP, SAC, DAC)
- WR (RLS, RTE, SPD)
- HB (TRK, SPD, CTH)

DEFENSE

The Packers run a 3-4 style playbook with strong defenders up front. These players generally come off the field on rushing downs, so don't invest too much unless an elite DT who can be an every-down player is there. Selecting LBs doesn't really hurt you: you can stack five on the field in most situations, as long as they are versatile.

KEY FORMATION

The Big Dime 2-3-6 is an excellent formation for passing downs and will really punish an opponent who didn't invest in an offensive line. Make sure to grab an extra CB or safety to maximize your effectiveness.

KEY PLAYER

OLB with 85+ PMV

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Solid
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 2-3-6 Will, 1-4-6

Carolina Panthers

OFFENSE

The Patriots' offense is excellent for players whose focus is a quick passing attack all over the field.

KEY FORMATION

Pistol Full Panther: This formation can utilize all the talent you are targeting and really foil opponents who don't bolster their front seven during the draft.

KEY PLAYER

A mobile QB is essential to getting the most out of this offensive playbook. However, you also want some depth at HB, which is tough with only 15 rounds.

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Ace, Ace Pair Flex, Bunch Ace, Panther Doubles, Tight Slots
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** H Pro, H Twins
- **WEAK:** Pro Twins
- **PISTOL:** Full Panther, Strong, Weak
- **GUN:** Split Panther, Heavy Panther, Ace, Ace Twins, Doubles Offset, Dbls Flex Wing Wk, Y-Trips TE Slot, Trips TE, Bunch Wk, Double Stack, Normal Y-Flex Tight, Trey Y-Flex, Y-Trips Open, Empty Panther
- **WILDCAT:** Slot Flex

This is one of the few playbooks where drafting a fullback might pay off big. If your opponent doesn't invest in the defensive line, you may be able to run all game.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- QB (SPD, PAC, THP)
- HB (CTH, ACC, SPD)
- FB (TRK, RBK, IPB)

DEFENSE

This is a very solid 4-3 defensive book with some pretty standard coverages that can be tough to beat. Unless your opponent drafted multiple WRs, you should be able to play 4-3 man-to-man coverage and feel pretty confident in many situations early in the game.

KEY FORMATION

Nickel 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap is a great way to bring pressure if you aren't feeling a more passive coverage set like 4-3 Wide 9.

KEY PLAYER

Drafting a stud MLB and allowing the CPU to let him make plays is very important with this playbook. For players who don't fear user-controlling a safety or who would rather control a defensive end, this is a great move.

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Stack, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **5-2:** Normal
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9
- **DIME:** Normal
- **DOLLAR:** 3-2-6

New England Patriots

OFFENSE

Gun Trips Y Iso allows you to use lower-rated WRs and concepts to get open on the trips side. Whenever you get a one-on-one matchup to the iso side, take a shot downfield.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Trips Y Iso allows you to use lower-rated WRs and concepts to get open on the trips side. Whenever you get a one-on-one matchup to the iso side, take a shot downfield.

KEY PLAYER

TE with 90+ Overall who has the size to be split out wide and can win one-on-one matchups downfield.

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo Pair, Ace, Ace Overload, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch Ace, Normal Patriots, Y-Trips, Tight Slots
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro
- **WEAK:** Close
- **GUN:** Split Close Pats, Ace, Ace Pair Flex, Doubles, Normal Wing Pats, Tight Doubles On, Normal Flex Wk Pats, Pats Wing Trips, Trips TE, Bunch Wk, Normal Y-Slot, Trips Y Iso, Empty Ace Patriot, Empty Base Flex

New England has great formations to get the HB the ball quickly out of the backfield, especially under center.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- QB (SAC, MAC, THP)
- WR/TE (6'4"+, CIT, SPC, JMP)
- WR (RTE, ACC, CIT)

DEFENSE

The Patriots' playbook is one of the most versatile in the entire game and features both 3-4 and 4-3. Drafting a strong OLB is crucial to the Patriots' success on defense. This player needs to be a hybrid rusher who can stand up in the 3-4 or drop down on early downs and hold up at end in the 4-3.

KEY FORMATION

The Nickel 3-3-5 Odd is a unique formation that should fool your opponents early in the game. Keep switching between 3-4 and 4-3 fronts to see if it throws them off.

KEY PLAYER

DE/LB with 90+ Finesse Moves

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Solid
- **4-3:** Under, Over
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Odd, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6 Sam, 1-4-6

Oakland Raiders

OFFENSE

The Raiders' offense was extremely popular last season and has received some brand-new formations. If you love to play out of the shotgun and utilize auto-motion, this is a playbook for you.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Flip Trips Raider is an excellent formation for offenses that pick up plenty of receivers. Learn to target short passes like Slot Trail on early downs, and take a look downfield with Oak Post Shot on third down.

KEY PLAYER

QB with 80+ Speed

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Ace Wing, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch, Doubles
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Tight Pair, Twins Flex
- **WEAK:** Flex Twins
- **GUN:** Split Raider, Ace Offset, Ace Twins Offset, Twin TE Flex Wk, Doubles Offset, Doubles Wing Offset, Doubles Offset Wk, Y-Trips Offset, Wing Trips Raider, Wing Trips Raider Wk, Trio Offset, Trio Offset Wk, Bunch Open Offset, Double Stack, Tight Slot Open, Dbls Y-Flex Offset, Doubles Flex, Trey Open Offset, Empty Trey

This is one of a few playbooks where an FB or a TE can be used in multiple formations, giving you great value if the right one appears.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- TE (RBK, SPD, CIT)
- HB (TRK, AGI, CTH)
- QB (SPD, PAC, MAC)

DEFENSE

The Oakland playbook contains many ways to slow down your opponent from the 4-3 formation. By using the multiple setups, you can properly align against most sets that opponents will try to use early in the game.

KEY FORMATION

The 4-3 Under Odd is a unique formation in the Raiders' playbook that can be tough for offenses to run against. Be sure to run the excellent blitzes from the LB position, which can sneak through the line and drop ball carriers in the backfield.

KEY PLAYER

OLB with 85+ Strength

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Solid
- **4-3:** Under, Over Plus
- **4-4:** Split
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5 Even, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 2-3-6 Sam

Los Angeles Rams

OFFENSE

The Rams have a nicely balanced offensive playbook that allows a power running back to really take over games. They also have a few formations and plays that allow a quick WR to get the ball in space and hopefully make some defenders miss.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Tight Offset TE is a solid formation that allows you to take advantage of a big or fast player at tight end who will be a matchup nightmare for the defense. Use the HB Counter, HB Slip Screen, and 0 1 Trap to turn it into a great base formation.

KEY PLAYER

TE with 83+ Speed

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Ace, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Doubles, Bunch
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro, Twins Flex, Twins Over, Y-Flex, Tight Pair
- **WEAK:** Pro, Close, Tight Twins
- **PISTOL:** Wing Trio
- **GUN:** Split Ram, Doubles Offset Wk, Y-Trips Offset, Wings Trips Wk, Bunch Wk, Tight Offset TE, Double Stack, Normal Y-Flex Tight, Trey Open Offset, Empty Base

You can get away with nearly any type of QB in this offense, but when in doubt, look for high Play Action and Deep Accuracy ratings.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- HB (TRK, SPD, CTH)
- WR (SPD, AGI, ACC)
- QB (PAC, DAC, THP)

DEFENSE

The Rams' defensive playbook is built around their defensive ends. While you may worry about drafting four DEs and leaving weaknesses elsewhere, remember that you can also use DTs and OLBs who are solid pass rushers in your scheme.

KEY FORMATION

Nickel 4 D Ends is a great formation on passing downs if you can stop the run early and get your opponent into a third and long.

KEY PLAYER

DE with 90+ Power Moves

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Bear Under
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, 4 D Ends
- **DIME:** Normal
- **DOLLAR:** 3-2-6

OFFENSE

What makes the Ravens' playbook unique is its variety of "tight" or "close" formations, where receivers line up close to the line of scrimmage. This makes it tough for man-to-man defenders to stick with them because of all the traffic in the area.

KEY FORMATION

I-Form Close is an example of a tight formation that can burn heavy man-to-man coverage with plays like Mesh.

KEY PLAYER

WR with 90+ Route Running

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Deuce Wing, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch Ace, Tight Doubles, Doubles, Y-Trips TE Slot, Trio
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Close, Pro Twins, Tight Twins, Tight, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight
- **WEAK:** Pro, Tight Twins
- **GUN:** Doubles, Y-Trips HB Wk, Bunch Wk, Spread Y-Flex, Y-Trips Open, Trips Y-Flex Tight, Flip Trips Raven, Empty Base Flex

The Ravens also have plenty of tight options from shotgun sets, if you aren't a fan of under center or didn't get to solidify your offensive line.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (SPD, RTE, CTH)
- HB (ELU, CTH, SPD)
- QB (THP, DAC, SAC)

DEFENSE

The Ravens' mixture of formations allowing their LBs to get in great matchups is second to none. Get comfortable with all of the 3-4 fronts, including the Bear, to keep your opponents off-balance.

KEY FORMATION

The Nickel 3-3-5 is an ideal formation to be balanced against any offensive attack and lineup. It requires drafting an extra CB, but if he can be physical in the run game, you will feel comfortable stopping the run from a passing set. With a solid LB holding things down in the middle, you can send pressure from the edges.

KEY PLAYER

CB with 85+ Press and 80+ Man and Zone Coverage

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Predator, Over Ed, Even, Bear
- **4-4:** Split
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 2-3-6 Will

Washington Redskins

OFFENSE

The Redskins' playbook is one of the most versatile in *Madden NFL 17*. You should target a mobile QB, but if you don't find any worth selecting, you can still run a scheme good enough to win.

KEY FORMATION

Pistol Ace Wing is crucial to success with the Redskins' playbook. By mixing in the Read Option and HB Stretch runs, you can add a balanced element to your offense.

KEY PLAYER

QB with 85+ Acceleration

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Deuce Close, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch, Doubles, Wing Trio
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro, Pro Twins
- **WEAK:** Pro
- **PISTOL:** Ace Wing, Slot Wing, Y-Trips, Bunch
- **GUN:** Split Offset, Tight Doubles On, Doubles Wk, Wing Trips Offset Wk, Bunch Offset, Snugs Flip, Dbls Y-Flex Offset, Y-Trips Open, Trips Y-Flex Tight, Trips Y Iso, Trey Open, Empty Bunch Wide, Empty Trey Flex

Make sure to check the play art on option runs before the snap. Knowing which defender to "read" is important for success.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- QB (ACC, SPD, PAC)
- HB (TRK, STR, CAR)
- WR (SPD, RLS, ACC)

DEFENSE

Washington has a 3-4 scheme that requires multiple LBs in most of their sets. No matter what, you can always find a spot for them: fast LBs in the middle, and stronger LBs on the outside to help set the edge in the run game.

KEY FORMATION

The 3-4 Odd should be a great start against most challengers. Use the solid zone coverage to fan out and stop those TE routes.

KEY PLAYER

Run-stuffing OLB with 85+ Strength

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Solid
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5 Even, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 1-4-6

OFFENSE

The Saints' playbook has some unique plays and formations that can fool your opponent, but you can also beat him or her by simply throwing downfield. You will need some time in the pocket, so keep linemen in mind: a good defensive line will be a frustrating matchup.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Tight Offset TE allows you to get the most from an elite TE, who basically can be a WR in this playbook.

KEY PLAYER

6'4"+ TE with 85 Catch in Traffic

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Twin TE Flex, Bunch Base, Doubles, Snugs Flip
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Close, Twins Flex, Tight
- **STRONG:** Close
- **PISTOL:** Slot Wing, Y-Trips, Bunch TE
- **GUN:** Split Offset, Doubles Wk, Wing Trio Wk, Tight Offset TE, DBL Y Flex Off Wk, Spread Y-Slot, Trips Y Iso, Trey Open Saint, Empty Saint, Empty Trey, Empty Y-Saints

The Saints' playbook is still built for big WRs and deep throws downfield, which meshes perfectly with the catching in *Madden NFL 17!*

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- TE (6'4"+ CIT, SPC)
- WR (6'3"+, CIT, SPC)
- QB (MAC, DAC, THP)

DEFENSE

The Saints have an excellent defensive playbook built around the 3-4. This playbook won't require much blitzing if you grab OLBs with high Speed and Finesse Moves ratings. However, it has plenty of firepower if needed on passing downs.

KEY FORMATION

Big Dime 2-3-6 is a great formation to build toward in the draft. If you come up a piece or two short, you can go to the 3-3-5 or 1-4-6.

KEY PLAYER

OLB with 87 Finesse Moves

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Bear Under
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9
- **DIME:** Normal

OFFENSE

For players who want a power run-style offense without sacrificing the shotgun formations, Seattle is a great selection.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Ace Offset can be an every-down formation if you establish the run game from shotgun and learn to use play action. The Read Option in this formation really adds another dimension if you grab a mobile QB in the draft.

KEY PLAYER

While a back with 90+ Trucking is ideal, the real key is a QB who has 80+ Speed and will force the defense to commit a defender to slowing him down.

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Deuce Wing, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Flex, Bunch Ace, Hawk Doubles
- **I-FORM:** H Pro, H Slot, H Tight, H Twin Pair
- **STRONG:** H TE Flip, H Slot Flex, H Pair TE
- **PISTOL:** Strong Slot, Ace, Doubles Flex Wing
- **GUN:** Split Hawk, Ace Offset, Ace Twins Offset, Doubles Offset, Doubles Wing Wk, Y-Trips Hawk, Wing Offset Wk, Trio Offset, Bunch Wk, Tight Slots, Double Stack, Spread Y-Slot, Trey Y-Flex, Trips Y Iso, Empty Hawk

Picking up a QB who has some speed can really frustrate opponents who think they have the HB stopped, only to see the QB keep the ball on a read.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- HB (TRK, STR, CAR)
- QB (SPD, PAC, SAC)
- C (STR, RBK, IPB)

DEFENSE

The mix of coverages in the Seattle playbook is outstanding if you score a rangy FS. Otherwise, find a defensive line who can overwhelm the offensive line with speed.

KEY FORMATION

The 46 Bear Under is a great way to test your opponent's commitment to the run game early.

KEY PLAYER

OLB with 90+ Acceleration

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Bear Under
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9
- **DIME:** Normal
- **DOLLAR:** 3-2-6
- **QUARTER:** Normal, 3 Deep

Pittsburgh Steelers

OFFENSE

The Steelers' offensive playbook is one of the best schemes for balanced players who love the short passing game. Even if you don't land a big WR, you can still have plenty of success with the concepts and RAC move.

KEY FORMATION

Singleback Pitt Doubles is a solid formation that's tough for defenses to line up against. The key is using your TE as a run blocker early and then as a safety valve on third down.

KEY PLAYER

WR with 87+ Route Running and Release

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo, Ace, Ace Pair Flex, Bunch Base, Pitt Doubles, Y-Trips
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Close
- **WEAK:** Pro
- **PISTOL:** Slot Wing, Y-Trips
- **GUN:** Split Close, Doubles, Tight Doubles On, Stack Offset Wk, Y-Trips Wk, Wing Trio Steeler, Trio, Bunch Wk, Snugs, Spread Y-Slot, Trips HB Wk, Empty Trey, Empty Steeler
- **WILDCAT:** Normal

The Steelers' playbook has added some new pistol formations this season, so don't forget to try them out!

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (SPD, AGI, RTE)
- HB (TRK, SPD, CTH)
- TE (CIT, RBK, PBK)

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh has built their defensive scheme around the 3-4 for multiple seasons. Aim to get some strength and block-shedding on the defensive line, but don't worry about generating pressure there, as it will mainly come from your LBs.

KEY FORMATION

Nickel 2-4-5 Prowl is a solid formation that confuses the offense and doesn't let any drafted LBs go to waste.

KEY PLAYER

SS with 85+ Play Recognition

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Solid
- **4-4:** Split
- **NICKEL:** 2-4-5, 2-4-5 Dbl a Gap, 3-3-5 Wide
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6 Will, 1-4-6

Houston Texans

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OFFENSE

The Texans' offense has some different run plays that will really benefit a patient player who can make good cuts at the line of scrimmage. Consider beefing up one side of your offensive line to run behind on most of your play calls.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Tight Doubles On is the formation that you should try when you need a first down conversion. If you keep yourself in manageable situations with the run game, there are multiple ways to move the chains.

KEY PLAYER

HB with 90+ Ball Carrier Vision

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Jumbo Z, Ace, Ace Twins, Bunch Base, Tight Doubles, Doubles, Y-Trips Texan
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Pro
- **WEAK:** Pro Twins
- **PISTOL:** Slot Wing, Y-Trips
- **GUN:** Split Texan, Ace Pair Flex, Doubles, Y-Trips HB Wk, Wing Trips Wk, Trips TE, Bunch Wk, Tight Doubles On, Snugs Flip, Spread Y-Slot, Empty Texan, Empty Y-Flex, Empty Base

This playbook has some nice rollout plays that allow you to attempt deep throws. If an elite WR appears after you secure your HB, go for him!

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- HB (SPD, TRK, BCV)
- RG (RBK, IPB, STR)
- WR (SPD, SPC, RTE)

DEFENSE

The Texans' entire defense is built around versatility in their front seven to create an intense 3-4 scheme. The great news is that no matter which players you draft, you can always use packages and substitutions to get your talent in a spot to make plays.

KEY FORMATION

The 3-4 Under is an excellent base formation that can stop the run and bring pressure off the edge if the offense tries to fool you with play action.

KEY PLAYER

DT with 75+ Speed and 80+ Acceleration

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Solid
- **NICKEL:** 3-3-5 Will, 3-3-5 Wide, 2-4-5 Dbl A Gap
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6, 2-3-6 Will

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Tennessee Titans

OFFENSE

The Titans' playbook is a solid way to test your opponent's pass defense. If you can come out early and spread them out, you will see your ground game open up in the second half.

KEY FORMATION

Singleback Wing Trips Open is one of the few under-center formations that has enough versatility to run all game. Pound the ball up the middle, and then use quick throws to get it out in space.

KEY PLAYER

TE with 75+ Run Block

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Ace Wing, Deuce Close, Ace Twins, Pair Tight Twins, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch Ace, Doubles, Wing Trips Open
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Pro Twins, Tight, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** H TE Flip, Tight Pair
- **WEAK:** Close
- **PISTOL:** Y-Trips
- **GUN:** Doubles, Doubles Wk, Y-Trips HB Wk, Wing Trips Titan Wk, Trips TE, Bunch Wk, Tight Flex, Double Stack, Dbls Y-Flex Offset, Y-Trips Open, Trey Y-Flex, Trey Open, Empty Base Flex

The Titans' playbook is another that benefits from having two TEs available, even if the second one is mainly a run blocker.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- WR (SPD, RTE, CTH)
- QB (SAC, MAC, ACC)
- TE (RBK, STR, CIT)

DEFENSE

Tennessee boasts a 3-4 defensive front that is built around strong defenders on the line. If you get a few options at LB, aim for whoever is the strongest of the bunch.

KEY FORMATION

The Big Dime 2-3-6 Will can give you some flexibility depending on how your draft ends up. As long as you get one strong defensive end or tackle, you will be fine.

KEY PLAYER

KEY PLAYER CB with 80+ Zone Coverage

FORMATIONS

- **3-4:** Odd, Under, Over, Even, Solid
- **4-4:** Split
- **BIG DIME:** 2-3-6 Will, 1-4-6

Draft Champions Coach/Playbook Guides by Team

Minnesota Vikings

OFFENSE

The Minnesota offensive scheme is built around an elite HB who takes pressure off the QB and allows him to make short throws. If the defense overcommits, having a WR with blazing speed will pay dividends.

KEY FORMATION

Gun Split Viking is a formation that you can live in all game long. Learn to run all of the different shotgun runs in this formation, and use it to set up the play action.

KEY PLAYER

HB with 90+ Speed

FORMATIONS

- **SINGLEBACK:** Ace Wing, Deuce Close, Ace Pair, Ace Pair Twins, Bunch Ace, Tight Flex Wk, Doubles, Y-Trips
- **I-FORM:** Pro, Twins Flex, Tight Pair
- **STRONG:** Close, Pro Twins
- **WEAK:** Pro
- **FULL HOUSE:** Normal Wide
- **GUN:** Split Viking, Ace Twins Offset, Doubles Offset Wk, Dbls Wing Offset Wk, Y-Trips Offset, Y-Trips Wk, Wing Trips Vikes Wk, Trips TE Offset, Dbls Y-Flex Offset, Doubles Flex, Trey Y-Flex Wk, Trey Open, Empty Bunch, Empty Base Flex

Being creative with screens and handoffs is a great way to get the ball in the hands of playmakers, no matter where they line up.

OFFENSIVE DRAFT TARGETS

- HB (SPD, TRK, CTH)
- WR (SPD, ACC, SPC)
- TE (RBK, CIT, RTE)

DEFENSE

The Minnesota defensive scheme is a solid 4-3 book that doesn't require elite players up front to get the job done. Focus on getting solid depth and strength, but don't be afraid if a superstar isn't available.

KEY FORMATION

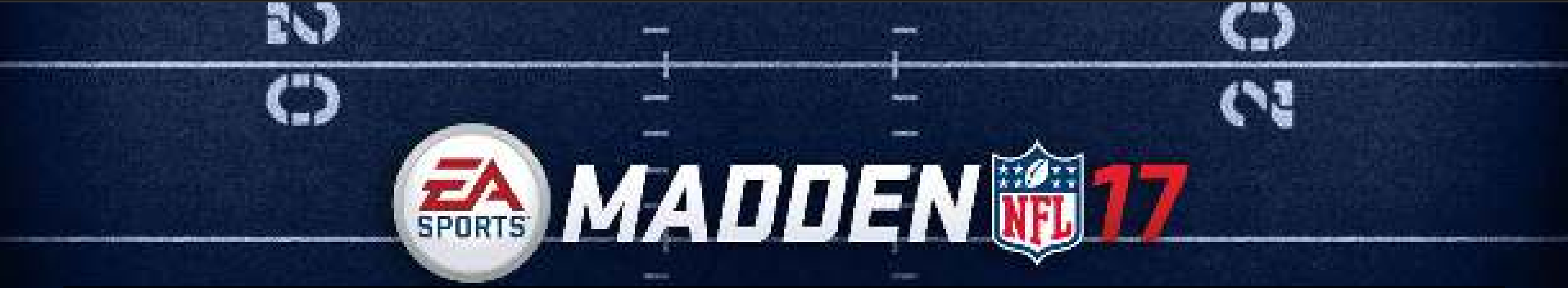
Dime 46 Normal is a unique formation that can give your opponent a different look than they are used to seeing.

KEY PLAYER

FS with 88+ Speed

FORMATIONS

- **4-3:** Normal, Under, Over, Over Plus, Wide 9
- **46:** Normal
- **NICKEL:** Normal, Double A Gap, Wide 9, 3-3-5 Wide
- **DIME:** Normal

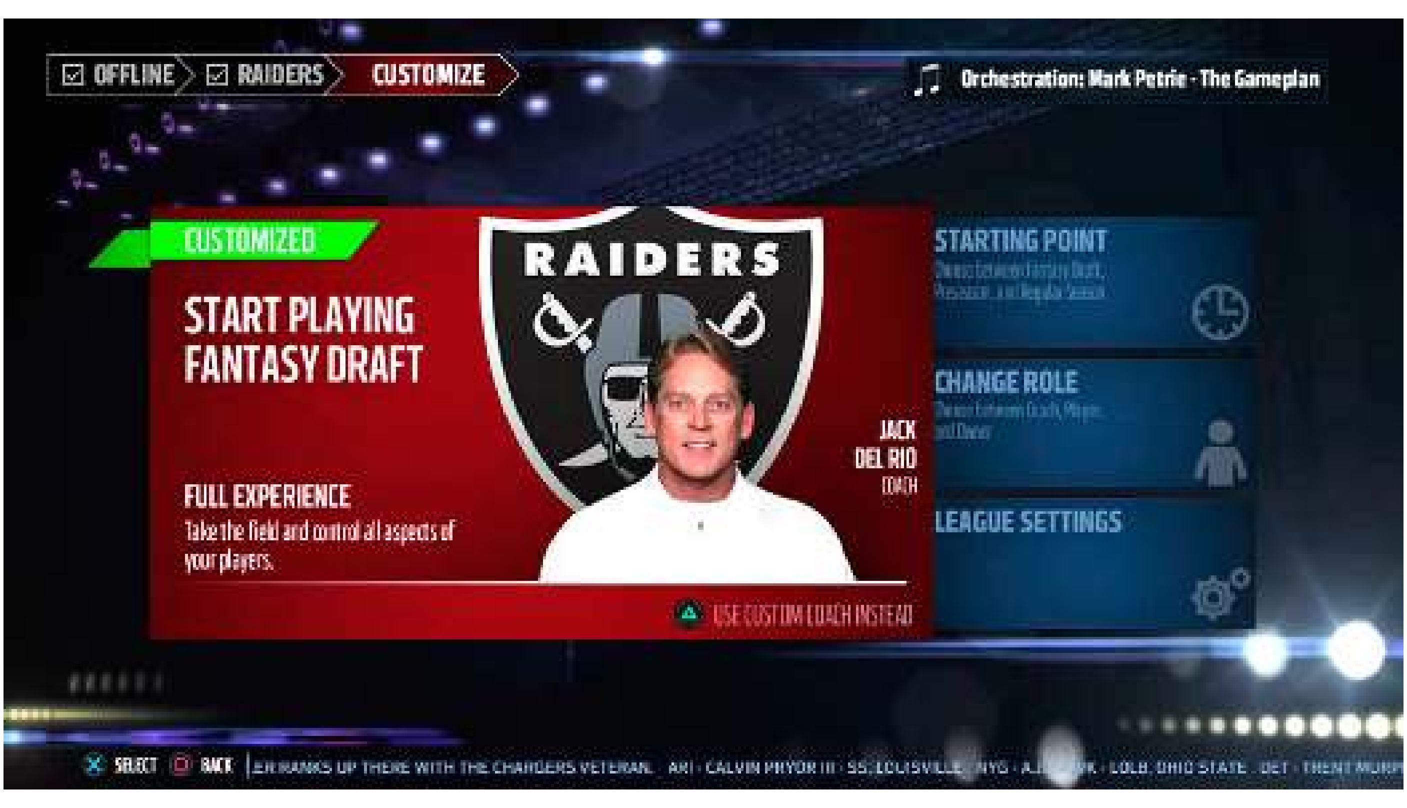


Introduction

What's New in Madden NFL 17?

There are lots of new features this season in Madden NFL, some are being introduced for the first time and others are improvements from previous seasons. We're sure you're eager to begin your Madden NFL 17 experience and we're excited to show you every little detail about the game. Read through this introduction chapter for a brief overview on the new features and jump right into the game or dive deeper into the next chapter to get a leg up on the competition.

Franchise Mode has new ways to play and more decisions to make, thanks to fan requests. The Madden NFL team has turned this feedback into some fantastic upgrades. Take your team all the way in Franchise Mode with new ways to play like Training and Game Planning, Big Decisions, and Play the Moments; these features still allow you to play the game like you normally do and simulate these features, or take your game to a whole new level by making your team better each week. There are more realistic player developments that allow for a much more advanced strategy when recruiting, signing free-agents, and allocating XP to the players in your roster. Our Franchise Mode walkthrough helps you with all of the new features and how to implement them, whether you've played it before or if you're brand new to the Madden NFL family.



IT'S UP TO YOU

All of the new features are completely optional and can be simulated for you by the CPU just in case you don't want to or don't feel comfortable doing it yourself, yet.

NEW FRANCHISE MODE FEATURES

- Training and Game Planning
- Big Decisions
- Play the Moment
- Improved Dynamic Drive Goals
- Improved Coach/Player Customization
- Regression Feedback
- Practice Squads
- Player Card Everywhere
- Improved Post-Game Feedback
- Full Player Editing
- Trade Feedback
- Commish XP Tools
- Free Agent Bidding
- Scores Around the League
- Improved News Hub
- Deep Tuning

PRESENTATION

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This season, become the superstar! With all-new presentations, you are the focus of the action. Two new voices have been introduced to the game, providing commentary that is both relevant to what's happening on the field, as well as how it relates to the rest of the league. Get pumped with the improved dynamic crowd sounds and cheering moments. Experience the most complete Madden NFL ever with all of these new presentation features and take your team all the way. Madden NFL 17 also includes two major improvements to the presentation that have never been done before. This season includes Dynamic Commentary that will be updated as the season progresses with relevant news and commentary, as well as an entire Re-Design Audio to almost every element of the game.

NEW PRESENTATION FEATURES

- Cameras Focused on You
- Franchise Player Cameras
- Franchise Playing as Coach
- Pre-Game Stage Intro
- Innovating Beyond Broadcast
- New Camera + Speed Control
- Sound and Crowd Reactions

GAMEPLAY

Master the ground game in Madden NFL 17 with a brand new ballcarrier system that allows for even more control over the player and more freedom to out-maneuver the defense. Take advantage of these features on Defense, as well, with gap play that is far more advanced than any Madden NFL yet and an AI that focuses on holding the edge for a better zone defense. For the veterans, these new improvements allow you to focus on your formations and the bigger picture while micromanaging as a secondary task. Newer players can let their play calling do the work for them as their AI takes care of making good decisions for your defense.

NEW GAMEPLAY FEATURES

- New Ballcarrier controls (New Risk/Reward)
- Recommended Move Prompts
- New Concept Counters
- Gap Play
- Force Defender
- Zone Coverage
- New Special Teams
- Improved Kick Meter
- Ice The Kicker Ability
- Trick Plays
- Kick Blocking

MADDEN ULTIMATE TEAM (MUT)

MUT is a great test of team building and on-the-field game planning. With content that is constantly being updated throughout the season, can you build a winning team? Team Chemistry has gotten an overhaul this season and now picking teammates who will work well together is far more important than stats alone. These mechanics will challenge your coaching and are based on real action you saw on Sunday. MUT is one of the easiest modes to start enjoying quickly, and the updated content keeps it alive all season long!

DRAFT CHAMPIONS

Draft Champions allows you to select your team in a 15-round draft and then bring it right onto the field to compete. Along the way, you will have some tough choices about which players to select and how they will factor into your team and scheme. Don't miss out on this fun and challenging way to play! Check out full coverage of the mode in the Draft Champions chapter. We will help you win games and earn rewards, no matter which coach or team you draft!

What Is Madden Ultimate Team?

Madden Ultimate Team, or "MUT" as it's known to its players, puts together some of the most fun and addictive features of video gaming and football. If you have ever dreamed of throwing a Hail Mary from today's best quarterbacks to the NFL's greatest receivers of the past, or fantasized of having NFL Legends like Deion Sanders or Ronnie Lott line up in your secondary, Madden Ultimate Team is the Madden experience you're looking for!

Do you like Fantasy Football and the idea of building a winning team? Do you like opening packs of items to accelerate your line up, use a live auction house to buy and sell your items for in game currency, or even collect your items in sets for more players, packs, or in-game currency? MUT has all of these things and more!

Madden Ultimate Team is packed with sets, solo challenges, and a complete multiplayer H2H Events mode, which lets players challenge their friends' Ultimate Team for ultimate bragging rights! Ultimate Team also provides live content to keep things fresh. With Madden Ultimate Team, the football season never ends.

MUT HIGHLIGHTS

Solo Challenges, the most played game type in Madden, have been improved. Last year saw the addition of dynamic start conditions where you could start in the middle of a game or late in a game. This year, Madden also features dynamic end conditions, as well as bonus goals that can grant rewards. So if a challenge has an end condition of scoring a rushing touchdown, as soon as you do that as a player, the challenge ends make solo challenges a quicker more exciting experience!

Chemistry is back and has been completely remade. It's much more flexible and dynamic than in the past or in comparison with last season's Style. Chemistry rating boosts appear in blue on the lineup screen and in detail on the back of each item. The requirements to activate each Chemistry and Chemistry rating bonuses are also much more flexible than past iterations. So for instance, a simple run block Chemistry might require two linemen with that Chemistry to activate and give a bonus to their strength; but a deeper "Legion of Boom" Chemistry will require a specific player from the Seattle Seahawks defense to activate even more dynamic rating boosts.

H2H Events has replaced H2H Seasons in Madden Ultimate Team and is similar to Salary Cap Ranked and Draft Champions Ranked Events that cost Ranked Tickets to enter. Contracts are no longer consumed for H2H Events. A leaderboard based on much more competitive dynamics past "coin total" is a great place to show off your H2H MUT prowess.

Alternate Uniforms return to MUT better than ever, including rarely seen CFM relocation uniforms. This changes MUT from having only the base NFL uniforms to choose from, and vastly expands options available for players to customize their teams.

Trade Block has returned fully intact to trade items with your friends. A community favorite is back!

Finally, a new **Message of the Day** will keep you up to date in game on all the happenings in Madden Ultimate Team!

MUT 17 CHEMISTRY DEEP DIVE

Let's dive in and discuss one of the major features in Madden Ultimate Team—Chemistry!

CHEMISTRY AGAIN?

The term "Chemistry" is not a new one to Madden Ultimate Team, but everything you once knew about it can be thrown out the window. So what is Chemistry now? Chemistry replaces Style in Madden NFL 17 and serves as a powerful way to build your MUT lineups. Player items have the opportunity to have a Chemistry (and possibly more than one) and when combined with other Player Items with the same Chemistry, will turn on attribute boosts. But wait, how is this any better than what Style does now?

That question can be answered in multiple ways but let's start with our favorite aspect: you will see EXACTLY what these boosts do to your player's attributes.

If you activate a Chemistry that boosts your team by +2 Block Shedding, each Item updates the players Block Shedding rating to reflect the new value. And if the boost from the Chemistry is enough to increment that player's OVR rating, that also updates—and your Team Rating could improve, as well!

No more guessing. No more assuming that a boost is affecting attributes. No more amazingly fantastical online theories to reverse-engineer how much boost is being received. It's all right there in front of you.

Another reason to get so excited about Chemistry is the flexibility this new system carries with it. Last year, players were chained to eight Styles and each one of those Styles affected only two ratings. In Madden NFL 17, Chemistry quite literally has infinite possibilities. The game launched with over 10 Chemistries and there will be more on the way!

CHEMISTRY 101

Since we kind of dove right in and immediately feasted on dessert, let's take a step back and talk about some of the nuts and bolts that go into creating a lineup with Chemistry. This might and should feel somewhat familiar to veteran MUT players, but there are some differences in Madden NFL 17.

We'll start with a hypothetical example. Madden Ultimate Team has a Chemistry called "The Route Tree." This Chemistry adds +3 Route Running to your wide receivers and tight ends. To activate it, this Chemistry requires you to collect at least five Player Items with "The Route Tree" Chemistry icon. Once you have the players and want to turn this Chemistry on, you must do two things in the lineup screen: make these players your starters and play them in their designated position. Players who are playing out of position (i.e., a right tackle playing left tackle) will not count toward your Chemistry.

Here's the list of positions considered as "starters" toward Chemistry. Again backups, will not count:

OFFENSIVE

- QB1
- HB1
- FB1
- WR1
- WR2
- WR3
- TE1
- LT1
- LG1
- C1
- RG1
- RT1

DEFENSIVE

- RE1
- LE1
- DT1
- DT2
- LOLB1
- ROLB1
- MLB1
- MLB2
- CB1
- CB2
- CB3
- FS1

> Stay on the lookout for new content every day; it is usually most valuable right when it enters the game!.

From the Main menu, select the Ultimate Team panel to get started building your team. Complete your objectives as soon as possible to continue your progress and unlock new challenges. Make sure to equip offensive and defensive playbooks, along with uniforms. The last thing to keep an eye out for is a coach who will help give your team an identity with his style.

> Look for objective lists during the season. You will be rewarded for racking up stats..

ADJUST LINEUP

Getting your best players into position to make plays is the key to Madden Ultimate Team. This is where the Lineup screen comes in handy. Scroll over to the Team tab and choose Adjust Lineup. This allows you to make changes to the starting lineup and depth chart.

You can let the game handle it automatically, or you can do it on your own. By clicking on a player item, you can compare items in your starting lineup with those in backup roles. Then you can determine which player you want in the lineup based on his abilities and style. There are five different tabs to look at for each item, and all will help you make the best decision. You can view your entire offense, defense, or special teams on the screen at once. You can also head into your Item Binder for a different view and click on player items. From here, you can choose to promote a player to starter. Two other important things to look at on the Team screen are the Coaching & Equipment panel and the Team Management panel. The first is where you set your coach and playbooks, and the latter is where you set your team style and name.

> Find backup players who have one or two key stats; they won't play every down but may come into the game if your starter's stamina dips and he needs a quick rest.

ITEM BINDER

> Using the Sort by Newest feature in the top-right is a great way to find any new items you just picked up and want to use.

ITEM BINDER FILTERS

- Type
- Quality
- Team
- Style
- Program

Keeping track of all the items you collect over the season can seem overwhelming at first, but the Item Binder makes it very easy. By using different filters, you can narrow down and find the item that you want. If you are only looking for items from a certain program, the game will simply show you those, and you can quickly make a decision on how to proceed.

> The Live panel on the main MUT screen will show you the freshest content in the game.

ITEM VIEWER

Once you locate the item you want, select it to bring up an extended view. From here, you can view the item in detail and perform actions. Use this screen to:

- Compare Against Similar Items by Position
- Promote to Starter
- Extend Contracts
- Add to Sets
- Auction
- Quick-Sell
- You can also navigate to other tabs on the Item Viewer screen. You can see information like player ratings, contracts remaining, style, date acquired, and full attributes!

SETS

One of the biggest aspects of MUT is collecting items. Eligible items are placed into "sets" to earn rewards. Set rewards can be anything from coins to items that are earned when you add and complete everything in a set.

As you inspect the items required to complete a set, the ones you can use will be highlighted. Fill in all the blanks to complete the collection and claim your reward. Sets are updated throughout the year, so any items that didn't seem to have a purpose when you got them may become valuable later in the season.

- If you don't have an item needed to complete a set, a Find Item icon will appear in the binder, which takes you right to the item in the Auction House to bid.
- Certain sets are repeatable and keep delivering rewards during the season.

MARKETPLACE

If you are looking to pick up packs without spending in-game coins, you can select the Store and buy items or packs. Opening new packs is a fun way to go hunting for new items that have been eluding you due to a lack of coins. You might even find a rare player you don't need and put him up on the auction block. You can buy points that will allow you to purchase packs—the bigger the bundle, the more points you save.

AUCTIONS

The Auction House allows players to search active auctions to find items to buy or to bid on. If you have already placed an offer or posted an item, you can view those in My Bids or My Posted Auctions. By knowing exactly which items you want to buy and how much you are willing to pay, you can find good deals. The more patient you are and the more coins you have available, the better you will do.

- You can now head straight to the Auction House from your Item Binder when looking at a player item. This saves huge amounts of time and allows you to check prices before posting a player.
- You can now sell up to 100 items at a time in Quick Sell, which is an improvement from 20 last year.
- Consider buying items that don't fit your style but are below current value, then turn around and flip them for a profit!
- If you replace a player in your starting lineup, make a decision to auction him or use him as a backup.

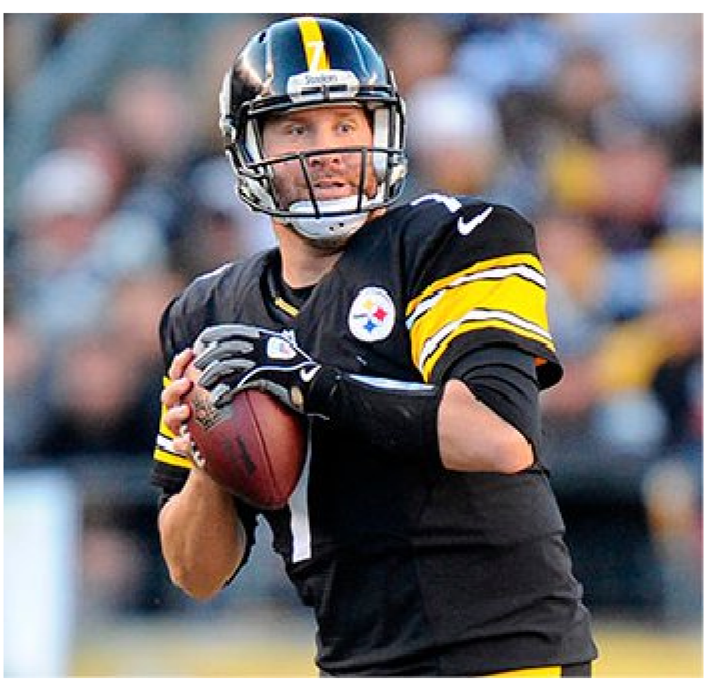
Top 5 Quarterback Items in MUT

Finding an accurate passer in Madden NFL 17 is crucial. By finding an elite passer early, you will be able to quickly gain confidence in your passing game and start moving the chains. QBs have more tools, and WRs are bigger weapons than ever before.

ITEM 5

RUSSELL WILSON

Wilson is one of the quicker QBs who will be able to escape most defenders on the blitz. His power and intelligence are very high, as well. What holds him back is the fact that he is not a pocket passer, and if the pocket is breached and he can't escape, there won't be a completion.



ITEM 4

BEN ROETHLISBERGER

Big Ben is one of the best pocket-passing QBs in the league. Take advantage of his excellent strength by hanging tough in the pocket and waiting for your receivers to get open. Try a few shots downfield each game, because his arm has the range.

ITEM 3

TOM BRADY

Tom Brady proved last season that, despite his age, he remains a top 5 QB. Brady still has a big arm when he needs it, but he is much better off in the intermediate passing game. Brady will rarely miss short throws, which is something very important to success in Madden NFL 17.

ITEM 2

CAM NEWTON

Cam is definitely at the top of the list for a good reason. All-around Newton is just a great QB. His power and size allow him to be a large presence on the field, taking over the offense with incredible strength. He's not the fastest QB, but he often doesn't need to be because he sees opportunity before most.

ITEM 1

AARON RODGERS

By far, Aaron Rodgers is the best QB for MUT. Although you my want to keep to a West Coast scheme, he will fit in any scheme you set up. Rodgers can handle himself in almost any situation, both physically and mentally. Because of his power and accuracy, building targets for him to hit will be the only challenge. If you get the chance to take Aaron Rodgers, don't hesitate!

Top 5 Halfback Items in MUT

Most players utilize a run-first offense early in the season while they are still looking to build confidence in their passing game. This year, both power backs and elusive backs can be effective with the right play calls. Consider grabbing a backup who is a solid receiver for third downs. However, if you get one of these elite backs, you should let him carry the load for the offense.

ITEM 5

MATT FORTE

Forte is a great back who can do many things when given the opportunity. If you can build a talented offensive line around him, use his power to beat the secondary for long gains. Forte is an every-down back who can take your team pretty far.

ITEM 4

JAMAAL CHARLES

Jamaal Charles is an excellent back, and not just because of his breakaway speed. Charles also has excellent hands out of the backfield and is one of the best route runners in MUT. If he gets matched up against a linebacker, he will win almost every time.

ITEM 3

DOUG MARTIN

Doug Martin is extremely agile and has the speed to match. He can easily cut corners and change lanes in a heartbeat, making him difficult to track. Overall he is a great value to any team.

ITEM 2

ADRIAN PETERSON

Adrian Peterson can defeat tacklers with both power and elusive moves, which makes him one of the most versatile backs in Ultimate Team. To prevent fumbles, make sure to cover up the ball, and avoid taking unnecessary hits.

ITEM 1

LE'VEON BELL

Bell is a powerful runner with a great arsenal of moves to defeat tacklers. While most power runners tend to be straight-ahead-style players, Bell can quickly cut and change lanes. He also is an every-down back, which provides great value to any team.

Top 5 Receiver Items in MUT

A dominant WR is a real force in Madden NFL 17. These elite-level players can bail your QB out on a bad throw and make some spectacular plays. Continue to feed these players the ball until the defense commits to double-teaming them. They may be covered, but they are always open!

ITEM 5

DEANDRE HOPKINS

DeAndre Hopkins is a solid receiver who will come through for you in a pinch. Whenever he is open, throw to him. Even though he deserves to be in the top 5, he will not get open as often as the rest of those on the list. However, with a high Spectacular Catch rating, he doesn't necessarily have to be open all the time.

ITEM 4

A.J. GREEN

A.J. Green has the power and the size to beat most CB matchups. Along with his size, he is also extremely fast, making him a receiver you can expect to excel on your team without much support, but it does make him a target on the field.

ITEM 3

ODELL BECKHAM JR.

Beckham has had a great first couple seasons in the league and quickly showed off his top 5 talent. Beckham is an all-around talent and has the added bonus of making highlight-reel plays for your offense. If you want spectacular catches, this is your receiver.

ITEM 2

JULIO JONES

Julio Jones is capable of making every catch type look routine. With a great blend of size and speed, Julio is like a combination of A.J. Green and the more powerful Demaryius Thomas. Jones has everything in one package and can beat nearly any DB one-on-one.

ITEM 1

ANTONIO BROWN

Brown is an excellent choice for the top receiver spot because he really benefits from the RAC (run after catch) move in Madden NFL 17. Brown can run any type of route, so use all the different types of catches to ensure he earns his number one spot.

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Top 5 Tight End Items in MUT

Tight ends in Madden NFL 17 are some of the biggest and fastest players in the game. Use them to give your scheme a new level of options and deception. Will you keep your TE in to block or split him out wide in the red zone to use his size advantage? By moving these stars all over your formations, you can truly attack the defense anywhere.

ITEM 5

JIMMY GRAHAM

Graham is hands down the biggest and best receiving option in Ultimate Team, and he will really benefit from the offense's ability to throw high-point passes. Graham can line up anywhere in a formation and win a matchup against any type of defender. Make sure to use aggressive catches to get big over the defense!

ITEM 4

TYLER EIFERT

Tyler Eifert is a double threat because he can catch and run the ball when needed. He provides versatility to your MUT team, so picking him up can definitely round out your scheme. Eifert is good for short yardage, especially if he runs over the top.

ITEM 3

DELANIE WALKER

Delanie Walker has the experience and awareness to read the field and take over almost any situation. Not only will he find his openings, but Walker has great hands, making him reliable and a great choice for the top list of tight ends.

ITEM 2

GREG OLSON

Olsen is one of the best options in the game for players who can't grab Rob Gronkowski. Olsen can block and run every route that his peers can. He will also hang on to passes in traffic and has the size to steal even a bad throw from the QB away from the defense.

ITEM 1

ROB GRONKOWSKI

Gronk is the best TE in Ultimate Team because he can simply do it all. He is a beast when it comes to run blocking, but can also run crisp routes even with his incredible size. He has the speed to attack the seam and the size to pull aggressive catches down over defenders.

Top 5 Defensive Linemen Items in MUT

Defensive linemen are often overlooked in MUT, but their ability to get pressure on the QB can make defending the passing game so much easier. Keep an eye out for players who have the strength and block shedding to stop the run, as they can be tough to find. While most players have one skill, the best of the best are all-around forces the offense must pay attention to on every snap.

ITEM 5

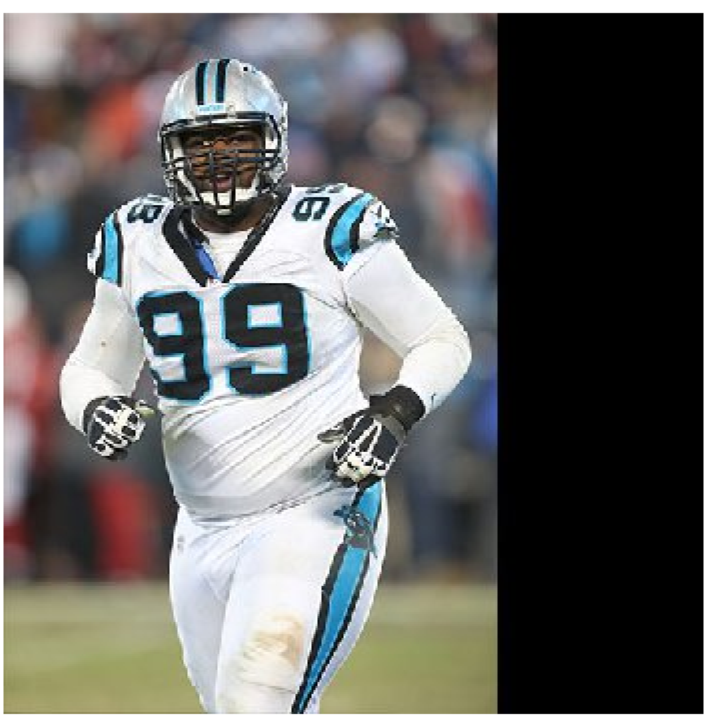
MUHAMMAD WILKERSON (LE)

Wilkerson has a rare combination of size and power that allows him to attack any tackle in the game. He is capable of bringing down not only QBs with his great pursuit, but also ball carriers. Make sure to keep Wilkerson in a 4-3, where he will really excel at rushing off the edge.

ITEM 4

NDAMUKONG SUH (DT)

Suh is an ideal defensive tackle in the 4-3 and will easily clog up rushing lanes. He becomes a nightmare for the offense is on third and long, where he can use his elite pass-rushing moves to get after the QB. Suh will consistently destroy even elite interior linemen.



ITEM 3

KAWANN SHORT (DT)

Kawann Short is perfect for 4-3 teams that want to get after the passer all game long. Short has an array of moves capable of stopping the run and getting pressure on passing downs. Try switching up his assignments to take advantage of elite athletic ability.

ITEM 2

AARON DONALD (DT)

Aaron Donald is a great defensive tackle who has enough strength to stop the run but also can get after the passer. Players like Donald are rare, so hang on to them and understand their value.

ITEM 1

J.J. WATT (RE)

Watt is hands down the best defensive item in Ultimate Team due to his ability to play any position on the defensive line. Watt can terrorize defenses from a 3-4 or 4-3 look and has the quickness to get pressure from the inside or the outside. He is a great run stopper and can even score off turnovers.

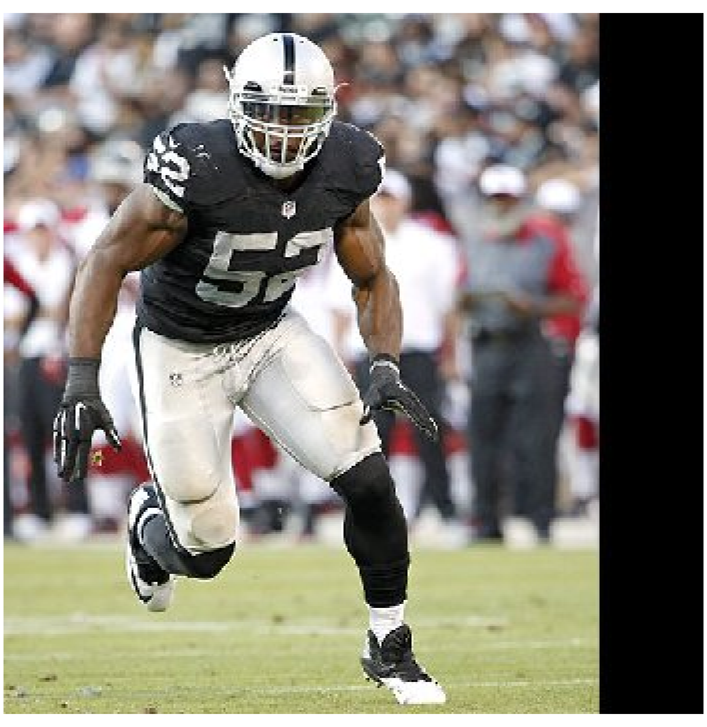
Top 5 Linebacker Items in MUT

Finding a great LB who can control the middle of the defense or rush off the edge is imperative to building a great defense. Make sure to determine if you have a 3-4 or 4-3 defense, because it will impact the number and type of players you need. OLBs are some of the most versatile players in the game because they can rush the passer, drop into coverage, or even drop down to defensive end. You can never have enough studs at the LB position in Madden NFL 17.

ITEM 5

DONT'A HIGHTOWER (ROLB)

Hightower is not only capable of rushing the passer and delivering big hits, but he also does a great job in the run game. From his ROLB position, he can stop any edge runs before they get outside.



ITEM 4

KHALIL MACK (LOLB)

Mack has tremendous strength and speed and he can unleash devastating hits that force turnovers. He is a great choice in a 4-3 defense to mix in man coverage and slow down routes to the TE.

ITEM 3

JUSTIN HOUSTON (LOLB)

Houston is built to rush the passer from the 3-4 defense. However, he is so talented and strong that even a 4-3 defense could use him at defensive end to get pressure. No matter what defense you like to play, unleashing him at the QB is a smart idea.

ITEM 2

LUKE KUECHLY (MLB)

Kuechly is one of the smartest defenders in MUT and is perfect for zone coverage. Leave him in a hook zone over the middle and allow his play-recognition skill to do the work. He is a sure tackler and will lock down anything that comes through his area.

ITEM 1

VON MILLER (LOLB)

Miller has excellent pass-rushing moves to go along with his speed and hit power. Miller is the best because he can drop into coverage or rush the passer, and the offense can't key on him! Miller is so excellent that either a 3-4 or 4-3 defense will work for him.

Top 5 Cornerback Items in MUT

Cornerbacks have an all-new value in Madden NFL 17 because now they can become playmakers, and they will have a much better awareness for Zone Defense. An elite CB who can take away a number one WR on his own will make your entire defense better. Look for players who have a high Man Coverage or Zone Coverage rating, depending on what style you want to play. Interceptions should be on the rise this season, and finding a CB who can get into position will be a big bonus.

ITEM 5

AQIB TALIB

Talib is one of the most physical secondary players in Ultimate Team. While he isn't enormous, his ability to press receivers at the line lets him match up with bigger players.

ITEM 4

CHRIS HARRIS

Harris is the perfect option to match up against smaller receivers who try to use superior route running to get open. If you place Harris in the slot on man coverage, he will completely lock down any quick passes over the middle and frustrate your opponent.

ITEM 3

PATRICK PETERSON

Patrick Peterson is one of the most athletic CBs in the game, and he has the size to match up with nearly any receiver. Players who like to play man defense can look for him to be a lockdown player. If you like to mix it up a bit more, go with the more balanced but smaller Joe Haden.

ITEM 2

JOSH NORMAN

Norman is extremely balanced and can play nearly any type of coverage for your defense. Take advantage of his ability to get up at the line and slow down receivers. Mix in plenty of man coverage to get your value.

ITEM 1

RICHARD SHERMAN

Sherman is always one of the most popular players in MUT because of his ability to stop bigger WRs from catching balls downfield. He often turns into a playmaker of his own and can even turn defense into offense with interceptions.

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Top 5 Safety Items in MUT

Knowing what to look for in a safety can completely change the way you play defense in Madden NFL 17. A great coverage safety can quickly cover ground and make plays that will frustrate the offense. A hard-hitting safety can drop down into the box and make the offense think twice about running the ball. Use these players to disguise your defense and force turnovers, which will have you winning more games.

ITEM 5

EARL THOMAS III (FS)

Thomas is an ideal safety for defenses that like to play a Cover 3 or commit their strong safety up in the box to stop the run. Thomas has the speed and ability to recognize plays as they are happening, which helps him play almost like two defenders in one.

ITEM 3

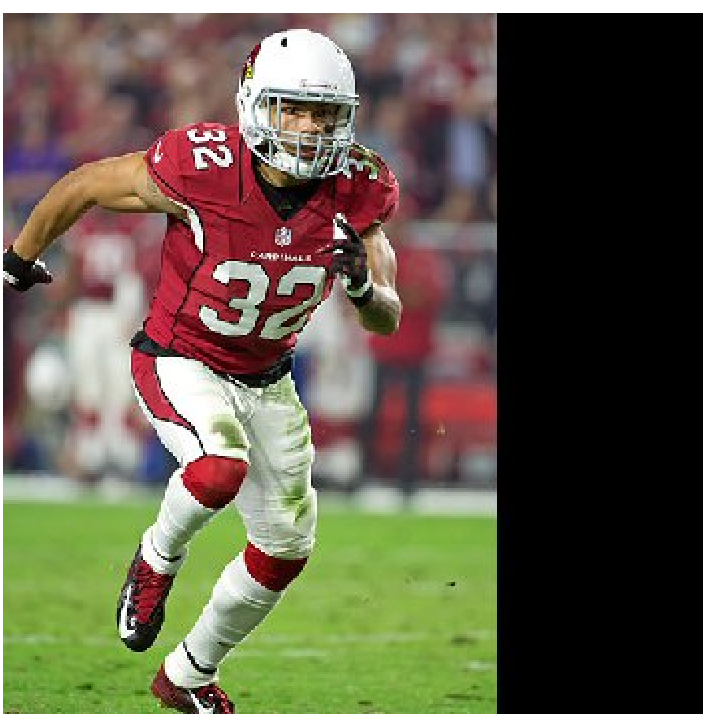
ERIC BERRY (FS)

Berry has decent size and always seems to be around the ball making plays. You can rely on Berry no matter what type of defense you want to play. He has good hit power and is a sure tackler at the free safety spot, which can be rare.

ITEM 3

KAM CHANCELLOR (SS)

With his size and hit power, Chancellor is one of the most intimidating players in Madden Ultimate Team. He is basically like an extra LB up in the box, but he can also match up with most TEs in the game and can slow down routes over the middle.



ITEM 2

TYRANN MATHIEU (FS)

Smith is a very young talent who is quickly getting lots of attention. The Honey Badger is the perfect safety for Cover 2 man defenses because he has great zone coverage and the size to get over and help his corners.

ITEM 1

RESHAD JONES (SS)

Jones's stock has been climbing consistently in Ultimate Team, and now he has cracked the top 5 with a great ability to be a stout defender in the run game. Jones has a good combination of pursuit and hit power that leads to him being a sure tackler.

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Top 5 Ways to Maximize Your Coins

Earning coins is one of the keys to building your ultimate team. Think about what your goals are when you start saving up your coins. Are you looking to be a head-to-head player or grind out solo challenges vs. the CPU? Are you mainly into MUT for the collecting aspect and want to complete sets? Your focus will change your path slightly, but it doesn't change the fact that having more coins is always better than having fewer coins. By keeping a solid reserve of coins available, you will always be ready to pounce on deals and keep building your stack.

WAY 5

GRIND OUT SOLO CHALLENGES

New players are always looking for the quickest ways to earn coins, and solo challenges are a great place to start. There are plenty of great challenges that match your skill level early in the game and allow you to start building up to bigger rewards. Take a day or two and work on completing as many as you can; the sooner you get them done, the more valuable the rewards will be. You should be able to get your time for each game down to a science and really maximize your coins.

Playing head-to-head seasons is a great way to earn coins, too. The rewards get bigger the higher you climb.

WAY 4

PLAY THE PROMOS

There are always great opportunities to build up your coins during promo events when new items come onto the market. Often you get rewards that go into sets, but instead you could flip yours for coins, especially if the reward doesn't interest you. Consider what the best path to making coins is and try to capitalize.

If a reward is a player who doesn't fit your team, you can always auction him on the market!

WAY 3

PULL PACKS

Opening packs is one of the best parts of building your ultimate team. The more packs you open, the more chances you have to get back valuable items that you can either use in your lineup or sell to the highest bidder at the Auction House. Manage your binder and try to get your value back from nearly all the items you pull (not just players). By spending some time checking the market, you can find some players who return more than you expect! Use all the filters available when searching to find the best deals, and then consider flipping your purchase for coins if you find a great deal.

Check the bundle topper to see if it's something you can use for your team or on the market.

WAY 2

PLAY THE WAITING GAME

For most player items in MUT, the longer you wait to pick them up on the market, the less they will cost. Over the course of a season, new content comes out each day that can lower the price of older items. Be patient and figure out the true positions, ratings, and players who are worth spending on for your scheme. If you really value QB items, consider getting the latest and greatest item, but know that you will likely spend some extra coins to get it on day 1. This also goes for players you test out and don't want to keep, so make sure to post them back as soon as you know they aren't a fit for your lineup to get as much value back as possible.

It can be tough to keep up with the newest items for a whole season, but you can look for similar items that may be a week or two older to save coins.

WAY 1

BE READY FOR SETS

The wealthiest players in MUT are the best at managing their binder and being ready for new sets to drop. They keep track of all the content in a notebook or online and are ready to strike while the values are at their peak. Consider holding on to certain items in your binder and waiting to sell when they are at their peak value, like in a set. By keeping an eye on the market each day, you will start to learn how things fluctuate each week, and you can quickly get well on your way to becoming a MUT millionaire.

Keeping an eye on social media is a good way to hear about the newest sets and items in MUT!

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Top 5 Solo Challenge Tips on Defense

TIP 5

USE FORMATION SUBS

It will cost you coins in the long run to keep additional players on your roster, even on the bench. A big key to fielding a great team is to get value from every position. Aim to build your lineup to fit your most important defensive set and then use formation subs at the play-calling screen to fit players in. For most solo challenges, you shouldn't need a full roster of backups to defeat the computer consistently. You can pay up front for a highly rated player who can do it all or pick up two lower-rated players who can each do one thing well and then sub them in to maximize their ratings.

Build your defense around your favorite formation and use it on over half of your play calls.

TIP 4

FIND A USER DEFENDER

Look for a big, fast defender with poor play recognition to user-control on your defense. By taking control of him, you can react to plays quickly once you read what the opponent is doing. This is a great way to take a lower-rated player and increase his level of play. It should help you save coins in one area so that you can spend them on a position like CB to match up with an opponent's number one wideout.

You always want to user-control the most vulnerable area of your defensive play call!

TIP 3

STUFF THE RUN

Stopping the run on early downs is crucial to getting the offense in a bad situation on third and long. If you don't have a solid run-defense formation that you are comfortable with, you will be vulnerable to play-action passes. Make the computer run everything inside by spreading your defensive line in early downs. Their best runs will come if you lose containment to the outside, so protect there early. If you get them to a short-yardage situation, then look for the up-the-middle run. Keeping the ball in your possession during solo challenges really speeds them up, and stopping the run is important.

Run-committing is rarely needed, but it can be a big win on third and short if it forces a punt.

TIP 2

LEARN CONCEPTS

Keep an eye on the game situation and formation that the computer is calling to give you some potential information about what play they are looking to call. On third and short, they are more likely to call a concept like stick, where you will want to be ready to jump underneath and shade your coverage down. On third and long, they are more likely to use a verticals concept, so you want to protect the deep middle, especially to the TE. You will start to recognize patterns after seeing just one route on a play, and that will let your player get into a good position. Every playbook shares similar concepts—the difference is the formation!

Using coverage shading before the snap is extremely important when playing the CPU and using zone coverage.

TIP 1

GET A BLITZ

Getting opponents to third and long is the key to winning solo challenges. It will make them one-dimensional and force themto pass the ball, which allows you to blitz. Learn how to sneak a slot CB in on a blitz off the edge, and the QB can either dump it off for a short gain or hold the ball and take a sack. This can also lead to turnovers, which is the quickest way to get a victory.

Make sure you have a secondary blitz call that can get in when an opponent blocks the HB!

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Top Offensive Budget Items in MUT

Early in the season, coins and elite players are at a premium. The key to getting ahead is to find some lower-rated players who can perform at a high level when placed into the right lineup and scheme. Here are some of our favorite offensive players if you are looking to build up your budget offense. Use these players to their strengths, and they should deliver you plenty of wins early in the season to get your team on the right track.

BUDGET OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

🟨 GOLD

⬜ SILVER

QB

🟨 Marcus Mariota

⬜ Tarvaris Jackson

⬜ Ryan Mallett

HB

🟨 Todd Gurley

⬜ Matt Asiata

FB

⬜ Dorin Dickerson

WR

⬜ Dorial Green-Beckham

⬜ DeSean Jackson

⬜ Jeff Janis

⬜ Justin Hardy

🟨 Brian Hartline

TE

⬜ Phillip Supernaw

🟨 James Hanna

LT

🟨 Matt Kalil

LG

🟨 Laken Tomlinson

C

🟨 Daniel Kilgore

RG

🟨 Todd Herremans

RT

🟨 D.J. Fluker

BUDGET OFFENSIVE PLAYBOOKS

Chicago Bears

Houston Texans

Washington Redskins

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Top Defensive Budget Items in MUT

Defense is often the side of the ball that is overlooked in Madden Ultimate Team, as most players will try to light up the scoreboard first. The good news is that there are plenty of great-value players on defense who can deliver results if they fit into the right scheme and playbook. Make sure to find a good playbook and think about where you struggle. If you can't stop the run, find some strong defensive linemen to help out. Once you realize that two players can be as good as one if you're willing to make some adjustments and try new formations, you will be ready to win games with your budget lineup!

BUDGET DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

🟨 GOLD

⬜ SILVER

LE

⬜ Kendall Reyes

⬜ Margus Hunt

DT

🟨 Sammie Hill

⬜ Matt Asiata Jr.

RE

⬜ Mario Edwards Jr.

🟨 Vic Beasley Jr.

LOLB

🟨 Bruce Carter

🟨 Devon Kennard

MLB

⬜ Denzel Perryman

⬜ Stephone Anthony

ROLB

🟨 Nick Perry

🟨 Malcom Smith

CB

🟨 Trae Waynes

🟨 Philip Gaines

⬜ Zack Bowman

⬜ Antwon Blake

⬜ Chimdi Chekwa

FS

🟨 Rodnet McLeod

⬜ Dashon Goldson

SS

🟨 Shamarko Thomas

⬜ Matt Elam

BUDGET DEFENSIVE PLAYBOOKS

San Diego Chargers

New England Patriots

Oakland Raiders

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Top 5 Offensive Playbook in MUT

Working with a playbook that fits your offensive scheme is one of the biggest ways to improve your game in Madden Ultimate Team. Determine if you are a run-first or pass-first player and how your current team is made up. If you pull a big WR and a strong-armed QB, switch to a book that has some great plays for your playmakers. If you have a specific playbook you like that is run-heavy, consider selling those players and investing in your offensive line and an elite HB.

OFFENSIVE 5

NEW YORK GIANTS

STYLES: Long Pass, Speed Run

KEY RUN SET: Singleback Ace

KEY PASS SET: Gun Trio Offset

The Giants' playbook is excellent for players who have three receiving options and love to pass the football. Check out some of the new formations that feature players in the flex. This will make it easier to pass-block and give you the time you need to look downfield. Work screen passes into the mix to maximize your scheme.

Using formation subs at the play-calling screen is one of the keys to getting your playmakers good matchup advantages.

OFFENSIVE 4

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

STYLES: Speed Run, Short Pass

KEY RUN SET: Gun Ace Twins Offset

KEY PASS SET: Snugs Flip

Philadelphia is an excellent playbook for gamers who want to pass the ball short to set up the run game inside. Drill the defense with quick throws to the outside to show them the flats must be covered. Once you get them thinking outside, mix in some inside zones to gash them up the middle. As long as you can handle shotgun formations, this playbook has it all.

The Eagles' 23 shotgun formations are the most of any team; you must be confident from these formations to win!

OFFENSIVE 3

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

STYLES: Ground and Pound, Short Pass

KEY RUN SET: Gun Doubles Wing W

KEY PASS SET: Gun Wing Offset Wk

Seattle's playbook has great versatility for running the ball, depending on if you prefer to run up the middle or outside. They also can succeed with running the ball from under center, pistol, and shotgun. Work on getting the opposing defense into tough alignments, and then use a mobile QB as a backbreaker to take the ball outside. You also have some good formations to take big shots downfield, but don't risk it more than once or twice per half.

Seattle can use a power-rushing attack if you are committed to the ground game.

OFFENSIVE 2

MIAMI DOLPHINS

STYLES: Speed Run, Short Pass

KEY RUN SET: Singleback Wing Trips Open

KEY PASS SET: Gun Bunch Open Offset

Miami has some excellent spread-passing formations for players who love to use unique alignments. Call a diverse game plan to keep your opponent guessing which formation you will use next. You can keep using similar concepts over and over as long as they are coming from new formations. If you like this playbook, check out the Raiders and Vikings, too. You will have the most success with a mobile QB, so look for one in the Auction House.

The Dolphins' playbook benefits from a great wing-style TE/FB who can lead-block and catch passes in traffic.

OFFENSIVE 1

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

STYLE(S): Short Pass, Long Pass

KEY RUN SET: Singleback Tight Slots

KEY PASS SET: Gun Split Close Pats

The New England Patriots have some excellent formations for players who love to pass the football. If you have a big TE/WR, you will enjoy the options on the outside for iso matchups. This playbook also does a nice job working with a WR using RAC over the middle. Keep your completion percentage high and work on short passes to move the chains.

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Top 5 Defensive Playbook in MUT

The key to selecting a winning playbook is to match it to your defensive style. Think about if you would rather have a 3-4 or 4-3 base and go from there. Find a good formation that you feel comfortable using to stop the run. Consider what coverage style you like to play and how you will bring pressure on third down from your nickel and dime sets. Once you have answered these questions, picking the right defensive playbook to win you more games becomes easy! There is no problem with changing between playbooks, as many have similar concepts and can give you the edge you need.

DEFENSIVE 5

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

BASE: 3-4

STYLES: Zone Defense, Pass Rush

RUN DEFENSE SET: 3-4 Bear

PASS DEFENSE SET: Big Dime 1-4-6

The Saints' defense has a multitude of 3-4 formations that can keep opponents guessing where the pressure is going to come from. It also has some of the best passing defenses in the game if you like to have four CBs on the field at once. Keep bringing heavy pressure off the edges to get the most out of it.

Test out Cover 2 man this season and see if your opponents have what it takes to beat it consistently.

DEFENSIVE 4

DALLAS COWBOYS

BASE: 4-3

STYLES: Pass Rush, Run Stuf

RUN DEFENSE SET: 46 Bear

PASS DEFENSE SET: Big Dime 4-1-6

The Cowboys' playbook requires an excellent strong safety to maximize its effectiveness. If you land a great one and prefer an aggressive 4-3 style, this is the playbook to try out. Take advantage of all the unique ways to get your secondary defenders up in the box and force opponents to try to spread you out.

The 46 Bear is one of the best formations in the game for aggressive players!

DEFENSIVE 3

GREEN BAY PACKERS

BASE: 3-4

STYLES: Pass Rush, Man Defense

RUN DEFENSE SET: 3-4 Solid

PASS DEFENSE SET: Big Dime 2-3-6 Will

For a 3-4 player, the Packers' defense has a great mix of formations that should have them feeling comfortable. There are plenty of great nickel formations, which will get an extra CB on the field to help slow down all the new passing features. The only thing missing is the 3-4 Bear, which can be a solid formation in the red zone and on third and short.

Green Bay has the Nickel Psycho formation, which can bring heavy pressure if you have lots of LBs!

DEFENSIVE 2

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

BASE: 4-3

STYLES: Run Stuff, Zone Defense

RUN DEFENSE SET: 46 Normal

PASS DEFENSE SET: Nickel 2-4-5

The Vikings' playbook is perfect for players who prefer to play heavy zone coverage from the 4-3. The 46 Normal should figure heavily in your game plan, as early offenses may struggle to spread it out. Keep switching between the Cover 2 and Cover 4 Show 2 looks to really maximize your game plan.

The Vikings have the 46 Normal formation, which can frustrate opponents.

DEFENSIVE 1

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

BASE: Hybrid 3-4/4-3

STYLES: Run Stuff

RUN DEFENSE SET: Nickel 2-4-5 Double A Gap

PASS DEFENSE SET: Nickel 3-3-5 Odd

The Patriots' defensive playbook is the only team playbook that has both 3-4 and 4-3 fronts. This allows you to mix up your looks and experiment with different lineups. Make sure to learn all of the nickel formations to really maximize the blitzes you can bring on third down.

If you have extra defenders at DE and LB, consider using the Patriots' playbook.

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These are the default scoring settings used in all NFL-Managed Leagues:

OFFENSE

- **Passing Yards:** 1 point per 25 yards passing
- **Passing Touchdowns:** 4 points
- **Interceptions:** -2 points
- **Rushing Yards:** 1 point per 10 yards
- **Rushing Touchdowns:** 6 points
- **Receiving Yards:** 1 point per 10 yards
- **Receiving Touchdowns:** 6 points
- **Fumble Recovered For A Touchdown:** 6 points
- **2-Point Conversions:** 2 points
- **Fumbles Lost:** -2 points

KICKING

- **PAT Made:** 1 point
- **FG Made (0-49 Yards):** 3 points
- **FG Made (50+ Yards):** 5 points

DEFENSE

- **Sacks:** 1 point
- **Interceptions:** 2 points
- **Fumbles Recovered:** 2 points
- **Safeties:** 2 points
- **2-Point Return:** 2 Points
- **Defensive Touchdowns:** 6 points
- **Kick And Punt Return Touchdowns:** 6 points
- **Points Allowed (0):** 10 points
- **Points Allowed (1–6):** 7 points
- **Points Allowed (7–13):** 4 points
- **Points Allowed (14–20):** 1 points
- **Points Allowed (21–27):** 0 points
- **Points Allowed (28–34):** -1 points
- **Points Allowed (35+):** -4 points

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Head-to-Head Scoring Format

All NFL.com Fantasy Football leagues feature head-to-head scoring. As in the games that take place across the NFL each Sunday, your team will be matched up against another team within your league. Similar to an NFL game being decided on the field with the team scoring the most points earning a win, your fantasy matchup behaves accordingly.

Based on your NFL-Managed league scoring settings, your team will earn points based on the actual statistics and results played out in the NFL that week. If your team scores more points than your opponent, you earn a win in the league standings. Fewer points? Take a loss. And if your game ends in a tie (you guessed it) it’s a tie in the overall standings.

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League Settings

These default league settings are used in all NFL-Managed leagues.

- **Teams:** 10
- **Divisions:** None
- **League Viewable By Public:** No
- **Undroppable List:** NFL.com Fantasy Default List
- **Maximum Acquisitions Per Season:** No Maximum
- **Maximum Acquisitions Per Week:** No Maximum
- **Trade Limit Per Season:** No Limit
- **Trade Review Type:** League Votes
- **Waiver Period:** 1 Day
- **Waiver Type:** Weekly Reset, Inverse Order of Standings
- **Post-Draft Players:** Follow Waiver Rules
- **Roster Lock Type:** Players Lock at Individual Game Time
- **2016 Keeper Settings:** None
- **Starting Positions And Roster Size:** Nine Starters (QB, RB, RB, WR, WR, W/R Flex, TE, K, DEF) and Six Bench Players

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NFL-Managed Draft Types

NFL-Managed Leagues use one of three draft types: Live Online, Autopick, or Offline.

LIVE ONLINE DRAFT

A Live Online Draft allows you to select a full fantasy team, live, round-by-round in an interactive environment. The draft client features comprehensive stats, analysis, and chat functionality, all packaged in a user-friendly interface. In this draft application you can rank your players in real time, adding them to a queue that will update as players are taken by other teams in the league. You can search for players or filter the available players by position so that you can make fast, easy, and informed decisions to fill out your roster. When you have found the perfect selection, click “Draft Now” and the player you selected will be assigned to your team. You can track all of the action by round and by individual team, all in one place inside the draft application.

AUTOPICK DRAFT

The Autopick Draft makes selections based on NFL.com fantasy experts’ default rankings or a team owner’s established rankings. This draft type is an excellent choice for beginners, as well as for leagues that can’t agree on a live draft time. In an Autopick Draft, players are assigned to your team automatically. NFL.com helps you fill your roster, either by going strictly off your Pre-Rank Draft list and Excluded Players list or by selecting the best available player at an open position of need on your roster. Select a day and time for your Autopick Draft, and that’s all you need to produce a league full of fantasy teams for owners to manage as they see fit.

OFFLINE DRAFT

Use Offilne Draft if your league conducts its draft outside of NFL.com. The Offline Draft option allows you greater flexibility in completing your draft. For example, your league could complete a draft over multiple days, whether it’s done in person or through other electronic means. After completing your league’s draft, use the “Submit Offline Draft Results” tool in the League Manager Tool section of Manage Tools to input the players for each team.

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Top 5 Must-Have Players

PLAYER 5

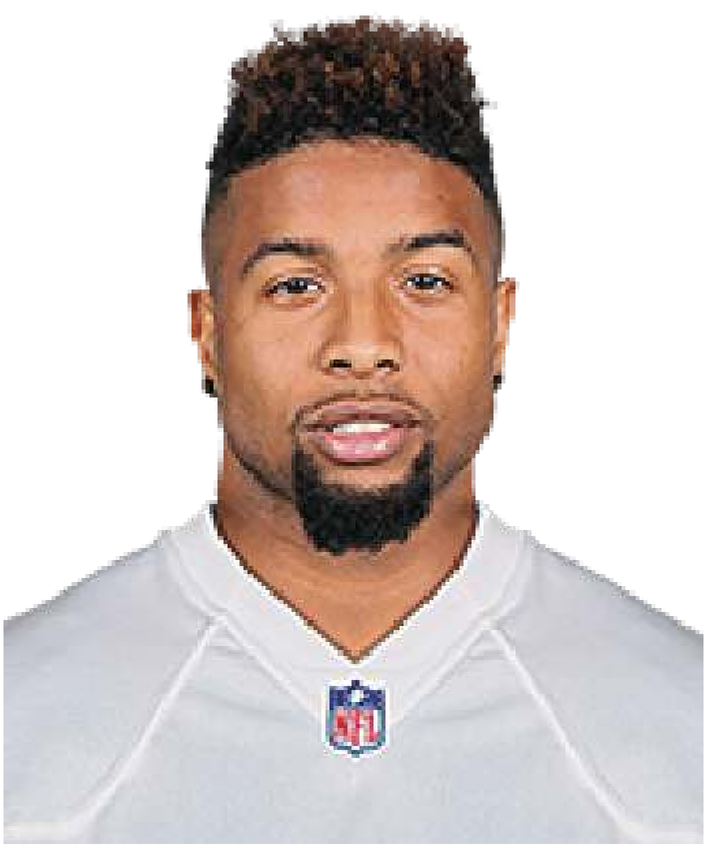
AARON RODGERS (QB), GREEN BAY PACKERS

Though wide receivers and running backs should be your first priority, when you are ready to pick up a quarterback, Aaron Rodgers is the man for you. Sure, Cam Newton had an amazing year last season, but the Packer is ready to return to form. With a healthy receiving corps and the addition of tight end Jared Cook, Aaron Rodgers should return to the top of the scoring charts. He definitely has the potential as he has finished first or second among quarterbacks in six out of the last eight seasons.

PLAYER 4

TODD GURLEY (RB), LOS ANGELES RAMS

Coming off a stellar rookie season with over 1100 yards and 10 touchdowns, Todd Gurley has the potential to be the top Running Back in his second year. If the Rams fall behind, he will likely receive fewer touches, but the team should still use him a lot early in the game. With Le'Veon Bell sitting out the first four games due to suspension, choose Gurley as your first back.



PLAYER 3

ODELL BECKHAM JR. (WR), NEW YORK GIANTS

Odell Beckham is another great choice as your first draft pick. His first two seasons saw stellar numbers in receptions, passing yards, and touchdowns, and there is no sign of him slowing down in 2016 with the Giants up-tempo offense. Sterling Shepard was added to the receiving corps in the off-season, which could possibly free up OBJ for more receptions.

PLAYER 2

JULIO JONES (WR), ATLANTA FALCONS

Julio Jones is a great alternative if Antonio Brown is unavailable. He netted just as many receptions as the latter, while falling just short of Brown's touchdown total. He should remain as Matt Ryan's number one target while Devonta Freeman keeps the defense off balance with the run game. With Julio's size, strength, and speed, he is a threat every week. Expect big numbers with Julio Jones on your team.

PLAYER 1

ANTONIO BROWN (WR), PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Topping the scoring charts for wide receivers the last two seasons, there is no reason to think that Antonio Brown won't improve on these stats this year. With Ben Roethlisberger at the helm and Le'Veon Bell moving the ball on the ground, points should come quick and often for Brown. If Roethlisberger remains healthy throughout the season, the receiver has a good chance to tally 150 receptions for the season. If at possible make him your first pick, but do not expect him to hang around too long.

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Top 5 Sleepers

SLEEPER 5

DONTE MONCRIEF (WR), INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Donte Moncrief showed great promise in his rookie year and continued to improve last season, but has disappointed as a fantasy draft pick. With Andrew Luck fully healthy and a couple of key targets gone, this could be a breakout season for Donte. He is a worthy middle-round pickup who has the potential to get 1000 receiving yards. Watch out, though, as he could be snatched up before this point.

SLEEPER 4

JAY CUTLER (QB), CHICAGO BEARS

With some work done on the offensive line and new head coach John Fox, Jay Cutler could have an even better season than last year. Kevin White joins the team after not playing last season and Alshon Jeffery is back to full health. These high-powered wide receivers give Cutler better options up the field. There is definitely some risk in picking Cutler as he has struggled with turnovers in the past and the offensive line has lost key veterans, but he can be that sleeper quarterback that gives you a few good weeks.

SLEEPER 3

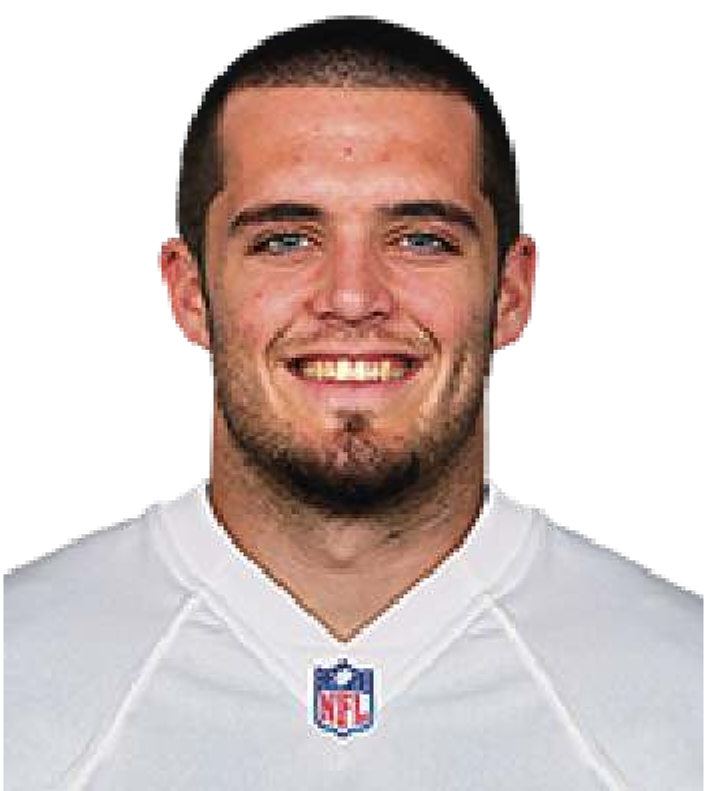
JARED COOK (TE), GREEN BAY PACKERS

Jared Cook may have come up short in past years, but with Aaron Rodgers throwing him the ball; this may just be his year. He should be fully healthy from foot surgery and is expected to be a starter along with Richard Rodgers. He may not play every down, but he has a chance to be a key target for Rodgers. With his size and speed, Cook gives the Packers the tight end option they lacked last year.

SLEEPER 2

MATT JONES (RB), WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Matt Jones had a productive offseason as he worked on fundamentals and ball security. He is expected to be a big part of Washington’s run game. As long as he can hold onto the ball, he has the potential to put up big numbers. With their exellent receiving corps and sufficient offensive line, the run game could open up—giving Jones ample opportunity to gain yardage. He may be worth a shot if you find yourself in need of a running back and the best options have all been taken.



SLEEPER 1

DEREK CARR (QB), OAKLAND RAIDERS

With an improved offensive line and some good weapons around him, Derek Carr is primed for a breakout season. Showing great progression in his second season, 2016 should be even better. The offensive line is built for the run and in turn may reduce pass attempts, but this should make the play action more effective and improve his efficiency. An emergence of tight end Clive Walford and high expectations for wide receiver Amari Cooper mean Carr should be able to spread the ball around and put up good yardage.

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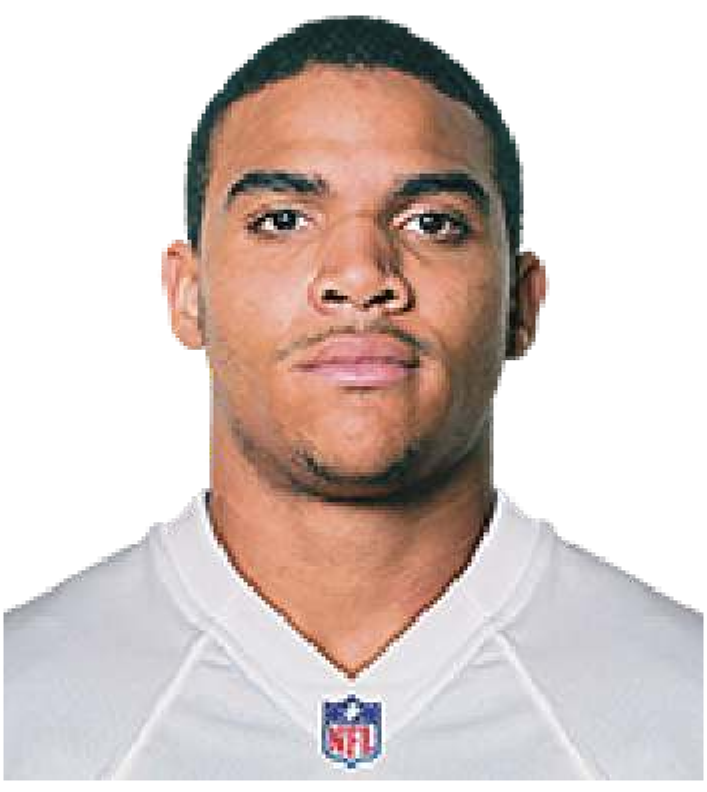
Top 5 Risks

PLAYER 5

JAMAAL CHARLES (RB), KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Jamaal Charles has been one of the best running backs in the last several years, but past injuries and the fact that he turns 30 this season could result in lower stats as he moves past his prime. A good amount of the Chiefs' offense goes through him, so if he's feeling good, he could still be productive. He is not necessarily a bad pick, but it may be best to use your early picks on safer options.



PLAYER 4

JORDAN REED (TE), WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Jordan Reed had a great breakout season in 2015 with 952 yards and 11 touchdowns, placing him very high among tight ends. He is the favorite target of Kirk Cousins and has the potential for a big year. A rough, injury-prone past makes him a risky choice, though. He's not a bad selection for your tight end, but look for better and safer picks.

PLAYER 3

BRANDON MARSHALL (WR), NEW YORK JETS

Marshall had an excellent season in 2015, placing among the best receivers in yardage and touchdowns. It's currently unknown who will be throwing to him, he is creeping up in age at 32, and Devin Smith could steal some of the action. Brandon Marshall may get you decent points this season, but this is not certain. Make sure he is the best choice available when your turn comes around.

PLAYER 2

JONATHAN STEWART (RB), CAROLINA PANTHERS

Playing on the explosive Panthers' offense, there are plenty of opportunities to get into the end zone, especially if the team can to protect Cam Newton more often. Jonathan Stewart put up good numbers in 2015 considering he only played in 13 games, but a history of injuries has put wear and tear on his legs over his first eight seasons. He does have the potential to put up great stats, but he's a bit of a risk and the other Panther backs will also be fighting for more carries.

PLAYER 1

MARK INGRAM (RB), NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Mark Ingram has long been hyped as a must-have running back and is set to be taken early again this year. Since being drafted in 2011, though, he has never finished very high in scoring among running backs. He is approaching that magical age of 27 and remains in a potentially high-powered offense, so if he can remain healthy this could be the year. There are safer choices that should be prioritized before him.

ROOKIE 5

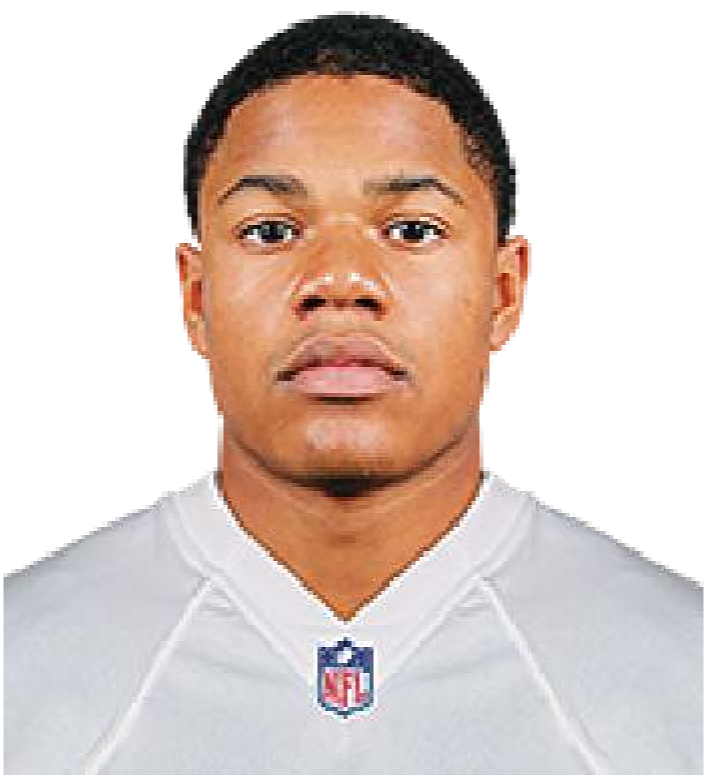
COREY COLEMAN (WR), CLEVELAND BROWNS

Corey Coleman has the ability to immediately become the quarterback's favorite target, though there really are not any other options. Because of the limited weapons the Browns possess, he should receive the ball often. His ability to run the routes in the NFL has been questioned, but there is no denying this receiver's skills. His speed and athleticism make him a good pick when you need another wideout.

ROOKIE 4

DERRICK HENRY (RB), TENNESSEE TITANS

The potential of Derrick Henry depends heavily on DeMarco Murray's workload. If he gets enough carries, expect big yardage. With his big stature and quick speed, he has the capability to break big plays. He's not the well-rounded back that Elliott is, but he is a beast when it comes to short-yardage runs. He could potentially take over the number one spot if things go well.



ROOKIE 3

STERLING SHEPARD (WR), NEW YORK GIANTS

This second-round choice fills a much-needed hole beside number one receiver Odell Beckham Jr. As defenses focus more attention on the star, Sterling Shepard should get plenty of opportunities in the pass-heavy offense. Despite his small stature, look for him to make an immediate impact with the Giants. Consider the newcomer in later rounds to bolster your receiving corps.

ROOKIE 2

LAQUON TREADWELL (WR), MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Laquon Treadwell was well-touted before the draft, but he ended up as the fourth wide receiver taken. He has the potential to be a big part of the Vikings receiving corps and may quickly become one of Teddy Bridgewater's favorite targets. Starting opposite Stefon Diggs, Laquon is a big target for his quarterback at 6'2". He uses this size to great effect, gaining valuable extra yards after the catch.

ROOKIE 1

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT (RB), DALLAS COWBOYS

Ezekiel Elliott was drafted fourth overall in the 2016 NFL Draft and the only running back taken in the first round. With McFadden out, Elliott becomes the obvious choice as the Cowboy's number one. Put the well-rounded back behind Romo and a dominant offensive line and he has a chance to put up big numbers as a rookie. Don't wait too long to pick him up, though, as he may be taken in the first couple rounds.

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Fantasy Football 2016 Draft Guide

These charts are broken down by position. Bring them to your fantasy draft so you're ready to build a great team. Take your time, stay focused, and find great value. Check out NFL.com for even more rankings.

THE BIG LIST (TOP 150)

PLAYER	POSITION - TEAM	BYE WEEK
Antonio Brown	WR - PIT	8
Odell Beckham	WR - NYG	8
Julio Jones	WR - ATL	11
Todd Gurley	RB - LA	8
Adrian Peterson	RB - MIN	6
David Johnson	RB - ARI	9
Ezekiel Elliott	RB - DAL	7
Rob Gronkowski	TE - NE	9
A.J. Green	WR - CIN	9
DeAndre Hopkins	WR - HOU	9
Dez Bryant	WR - DAL	7
Devonta Freeman	RB - ATL	11
Lamar Miller	RB - HOU	9
Le'Veon Bell	RB - PIT	8
Allen Robinson	WR - JAX	5
Jordy Nelson	WR - GB	4
Cam Newton	QB - CAR	7
Jamaal Charles	RB - KC	5
Eddie Lacy	RB - GB	4
Aaron Rodgers	QB - GB	4
Doug Martin	RB - TB	6
Mark Ingram	RB - NO	5
Brandon Marshall	WR - NYJ	11
Alshon Jeffery	WR - CHI	9
Mike Evans	WR - TB	6
LeSean McCoy	RB - BUF	10
Amari Cooper	WR - OAK	10
Keenan Allen	WR - SD	11
Demaryius Thomas	WR - DEN	11
Matt Forte	RB - NYJ	11
Russell Wilson	QB - SEA	5
C.J. Anderson	RB - DEN	11
Carlos Hyde	RB - SF	8
Brandin Cooks	WR - NO	5
Sammy Watkins	WR - BUF	10
Jarvis Landry	WR - MIA	8
Jordan Reed	TE - WAS	9
Greg Olsen	TE - CAR	7
Jonathan Stewart	RB - CAR	7
Ryan Mathews	RB - PHI	4
Julian Edelman	WR - NE	9
Ben Roethlisberger	QB - PIT	8
Jeremy Maclin	WR - KC	5
Doug Baldwin	WR - SEA	5
Randall Cobb	WR - GB	4
Tom Brady	QB - NE	9
T.Y. Hilton	WR - IND	10
Tyler Eifert	TE - CIN	9
Carson Palmer	QB - ARI	9
Drew Brees	QB - NO	5
Eric Decker	WR - NYJ	11
Andrew Luck	QB - IND	10
Latavius Murray	RB - OAK	10
Travis Kelce	TE - KC	5
Kelvin Benjamin	WR - CAR	7
Dion Lewis	RB - NE	9
Jay Ajayi	RB - MIA	8
Gary Barnidge	TE - CLE	13
Thomas Rawls	RB - SEA	5
Seattle Seahawks	DEF	5
Denver Broncos	DEF	11
Stephen Gostkowski	K - NE	9
Delanie Walker	TE - TEN	13
DeMarco Murray	RB - TEN	13
Matt Jones	RB - WAS	9
Michael Floyd	WR - ARI	9
Kansas City Chiefs	DEF	5
Eli Manning	QB - NYG	8
Ladarius Green	TE - PIT	8
Larry Fitzgerald	WR - ARI	9
Arizona Cardinals	DEF	9
Danny Woodhead	RB - SD	11
John Brown	WR - ARI	9
Jeremy Hill	RB - CIN	9
Carolina Panthers	DEF	7
Houston Texans	DEF	9
Golden Tate	WR - DET	10
Chandler Catanzaro	K - ARI	9
Emmanuel Sanders	WR - DEN	11
Graham Gano	K - CAR	7
Donte Moncrief	WR - IND	10
Chris Ivory	RB - JAX	5
Giovani Bernard	RB - CIN	9
Steven Hauschka	K - SEA	5
Jeremy Langford	RB - CHI	9
DeSean Jackson	WR - WAS	9
Antonio Gates	TE - SD	11
Allen Hurns	WR - JAX	5
Jordan Matthews	WR - PHI	4
Los Angeles Rams	DEF	8
Philip Rivers	QB - SD	11
Michael Crabtree	WR - OAK	10
Cairo Santos	K - KC	5
Duke Johnson	RB - CLE	13
Blake Bortles	QB - JAX	5
Frank Gore	RB - IND	10
New England Patriots	DEF	9
Julius Thomas	TE - JAX	5
Tony Romo	QB - DAL	7
Sterling Shepard	WR - NYG	8
Tyler Lockett	WR - SEA	5
Corey Coleman	WR - CLE	13
Dan Bailey	K - DAL	7
Chris Boswell	K - PIT	8
Melvin Gordon	RB - SD	11
Ameer Abdullah	RB - DET	10
Justin Tucker	K - BAL	8
Justin Forsett	RB - BAL	8
Derek Carr	QB - OAK	10
Jimmy Graham	TE - SEA	5
T.J. Yeldon	RB - JAX	5
Kevin White	WR - CHI	9
Torrey Smith	WR - SF	8
DeAngelo Williams	RB - PIT	8
Coby Fleener	TE - NO	5
Cincinnati Bengals	DEF	9
Derrick Henry	RB - TEN	13
Charles Sims	RB - TB	6
Brandon McManus	K - DEN	11
Markus Wheaton	WR - PIT	8
Arian Foster	RB - MIA	8
Andy Dalton	QB - CIN	9
Theo Riddick	RB - DET	10
DeVante Parker	WR - MIA	8
Marvin Jones	WR - DET	10
Pittsburgh Steelers	DEF	8
Tavon Austin	WR - LA	8
C.J. Prosise	RB - SEA	5
Rashad Jennings	RB - NYG	8
Minnesota Vikings	DEF	6
Dorial Green-Beckham	WR - TEN	13
Mason Crosby	K - GB	4
Laquon Treadwell	WR - MIN	6
Jason Witten	TE - DAL	7
Kamar Aiken	WR - BAL	8
Kirk Cousins	QB - WAS	9
Zach Ertz	TE - PHI	4
Marcus Mariota	QB - TEN	13
Jameis Winston	QB - TB	6
Travis Benjamin	WR - SD	11
Kenneth Dixon	RB - BAL	8
Isaiah Crowell	RB - CLE	13
Stefon Diggs	WR - MIN	6
Karlos Williams	RB - BUF	10
LeGarrette Blount	RB - NE	9
Willie Snead	WR - NO	5
Josh Gordon	WR - CLE	13
Green Bay Packers	DEF	4
Ted Ginn	WR - CAR	7
Martellus Bennett	TE - NE	9

TOP 20 QUARTERBACKS

PLAYER	TEAM	BYE WEEK
Cam Newton	CAR	7
Aaron Rodgers	GB	4
Russell Wilson	SEA	5
Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	8
Tom Brady	NE	9
Carson Palmer	ARI	9
Drew Brees	NO	5
Andrew Luck	IND	10
Eli Manning	NYG	8
Philip Rivers	SD	11
Blake Bortles	JAX	5
Tony Romo	DAL	7
Derek Carr	OAK	10
Andy Dalton	CIN	9
Kirk Cousins	WAS	9
Marcus Mariota	TEN	13
Jameis Winston	TB	6
Tyrod Taylor	BUF	10
Matthew Stafford	DET	10
Matt Ryan	ATL	11

TOP 45 RUNNING BACKS

PLAYER	TEAM	BYE WEEK
Todd Gurley	LA	8
Adrian Peterson	MIN	6
David Johnson	ARI	9
Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	7
Devonta Freeman	ATL	11
Lamar Miller	HOU	9
Le'Veon Bell	PIT	8
Jamaal Charles	KC	5
Eddie Lacy	GB	4
Doug Martin	TB	6
Mark Ingram	NO	5
LeSean McCoy	BUF	10
Matt Forte	NYJ	11
C.J. Anderson	DEN	11
Carlos Hyde	SF	8
Jonathan Stewart	CAR	7
Ryan Mathews	PHI	4
Latavius Murray	OAK	10
Dion Lewis	NE	9
Jay Ajayi	MIA	8
Thomas Rawls	SEA	5
DeMarco Murray	TEN	13
Matt Jones	WAS	9
Danny Woodhead	SD	11
Jeremy Hill	CIN	9
Chris Ivory	JAX	5
Giovani Bernard	CIN	9
Jeremy Langford	CHI	9
Duke Johnson	CLE	13
Frank Gore	IND	10
Melvin Gordon	SD	11
Ameer Abdullah	DET	10
Justin Forsett	BAL	8
T.J. Yeldon	JAX	5
DeAngelo Williams	PIT	8
Derrick Henry	TEN	13
Charles Sims	TB	6
Theo Riddick	DET	10
C.J. Prosise	SEA	5
Rashad Jennings	NYG	8
Kenneth Dixon	BAL	8
Isaiah Crowell	CLE	13
Karlos Williams	BUF	10
LeGarrette Blount	NE	9
Tevin Coleman	ATL	11

TOP 45 WIDE RECEIVERS

PLAYER	TEAM	BYE WEEK
Antonio Brown	PIT	8
Odell Beckham	NYG	8
Julio Jones	ATL	11
A.J. Green	CIN	9
DeAndre Hopkins	HOU	9
Dez Bryant	DAL	7
Allen Robinson	JAX	5
Jordy Nelson	GB	4
Brandon Marshall	NYJ	11
Alshon Jeffery	CHI	9
Mike Evans	TB	6
Amari Cooper	OAK	10
Keenan Allen	SD	11
Demaryius Thomas	DEN	11
Brandin Cooks	NO	5
Sammy Watkins	BUF	10
Jarvis Landry	MIA	8
Julian Edelman	NE	9
Jeremy Maclin	KC	5
Doug Baldwin	SEA	5
Randall Cobb	GB	4
T.Y. Hilton	IND	10
Eric Decker	NYJ	11
Kelvin Benjamin	CAR	7
Michael Floyd	ARI	9
Larry Fitzgerald	ARI	9
John Brown	ARI	9
Golden Tate	DET	10
Emmanuel Sanders	DEN	11
Donte Moncrief	IND	10
DeSean Jackson	WAS	9
Allen Hurns	JAX	5
Jordan Matthews	PHI	4
Michael Crabtree	OAK	10
Sterling Shepard	NYG	8
Tyler Lockett	SEA	5
Corey Coleman	CLE	13
Kevin White	CHI	9
Torrey Smith	SF	8
Markus Wheaton	PIT	8
DeVante Parker	MIA	8
Marvin Jones	DET	10
Tavon Austin	LA	8
Dorial Green-Beckham	TEN	13
Laquon Treadwell	MIN	6

TOP 20 TIGHT ENDS

PLAYER	TEAM	BYE WEEK
Rob Gronkowski	NE	9
Jordan Reed	WAS	9
Greg Olsen	CAR	7
Tyler Eifert	CIN	9
Travis Kelce	KC	5
Gary Barnidge	CLE	13
Delanie Walker	TEN	13
Ladarius Green	PIT	8
Antonio Gates	SD	11
Julius Thomas	JAX	5
Jimmy Graham	SEA	5
Coby Fleener	NO	5
Jason Witten	DAL	7
Zach Ertz	PHI	4
Martellus Bennett	NE	9
Richard Rodgers	GB	4
Benjamin Watson	BAL	8
Zach Miller	CHI	9
Dwayne Allen	IND	10
Eric Ebron	DET	10

TOP 20 KICKERS

PLAYER	TEAM	BYE WEEK
Stephen Gostkowski	NE	9
Chandler Catanzaro	ARI	9
Graham Gano	CAR	7
Steven Hauschka	SEA	5
Cairo Santos	KC	5
Dan Bailey	DAL	7
Chris Boswell	PIT	8
Justin Tucker	BAL	8
Brandon McManus	DEN	11
Mason Crosby	GB	4
Sebastian Janikowski	OAK	10
Blair Walsh	MIN	6
Adam Vinatieri	IND	10
Mike Nugent	CIN	9
Josh Brown	NYG	8
Robbie Gould	CHI	9
Roberto Aguayo	TB	6
Matt Prater	DET	5
Dustin Hopkins	WAS	9

TOP 20 DEFENSES

DEFENSE	BYE WEEK
Seattle Seahawks	5
Denver Broncos	11
Kansas City Chiefs	5
Arizona Cardinals	9
Carolina Panthers	7
Houston Texans	9
Los Angeles Rams	8
New England Patriots	9
Cincinnati Bengals	9
Pittsburgh Steelers	8
Minnesota Vikings	6
Green Bay Packers	4
Oakland Raiders	10
New York Jets	11
Washington Redskins	9
Philadelphia Eagles	4
Jacksonville Jaguars	5
New York Giants	8
Buffalo Bills	10
Dallas Cowboys	7

Choose Your Experience

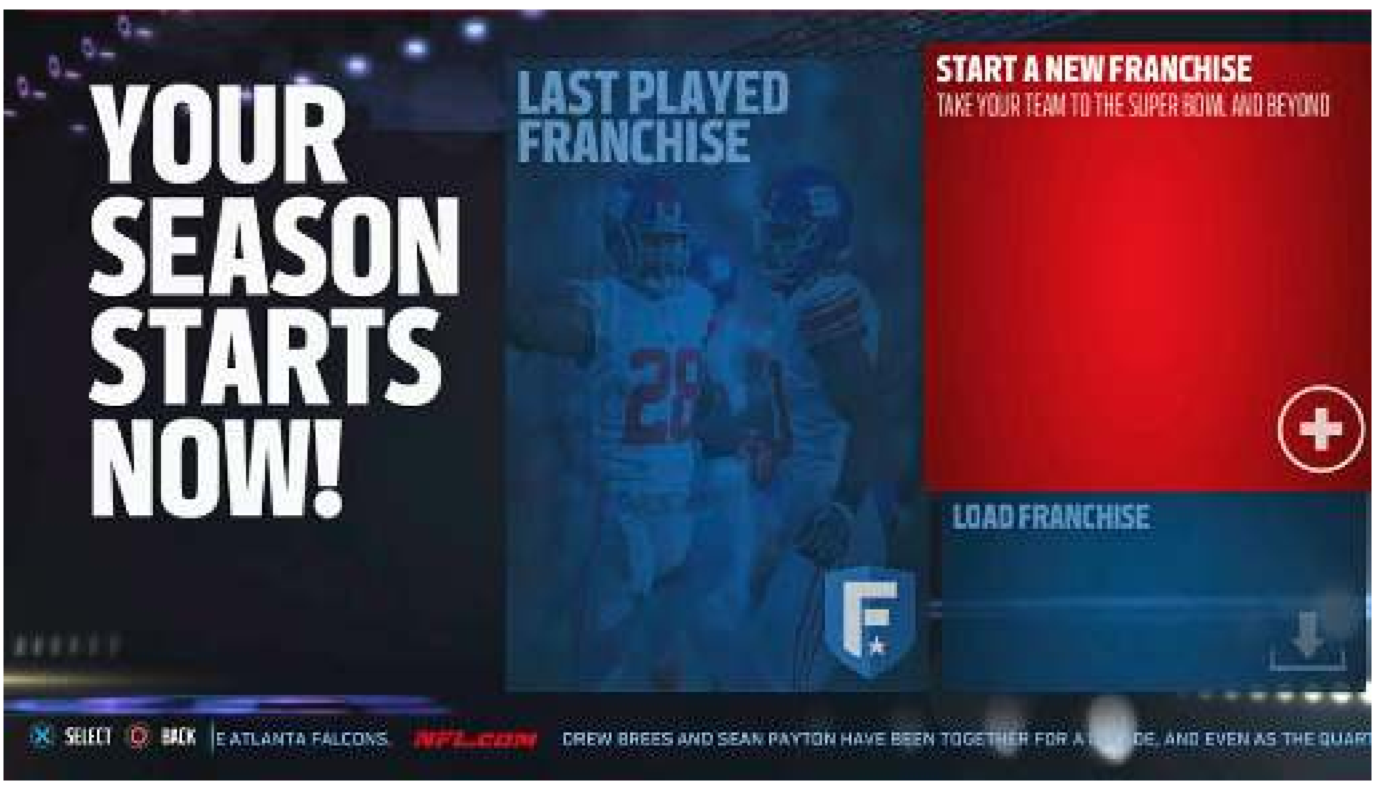
Franchise Mode is an extremely fast growing game mode in the Madden NFL series that has become the ultimate way to take control of your favorite team and take it all the way. Start from the beginning of your team's life by drafting the players that will win you the championship. With several ways to play, Franchise Mode has a ton to offer.

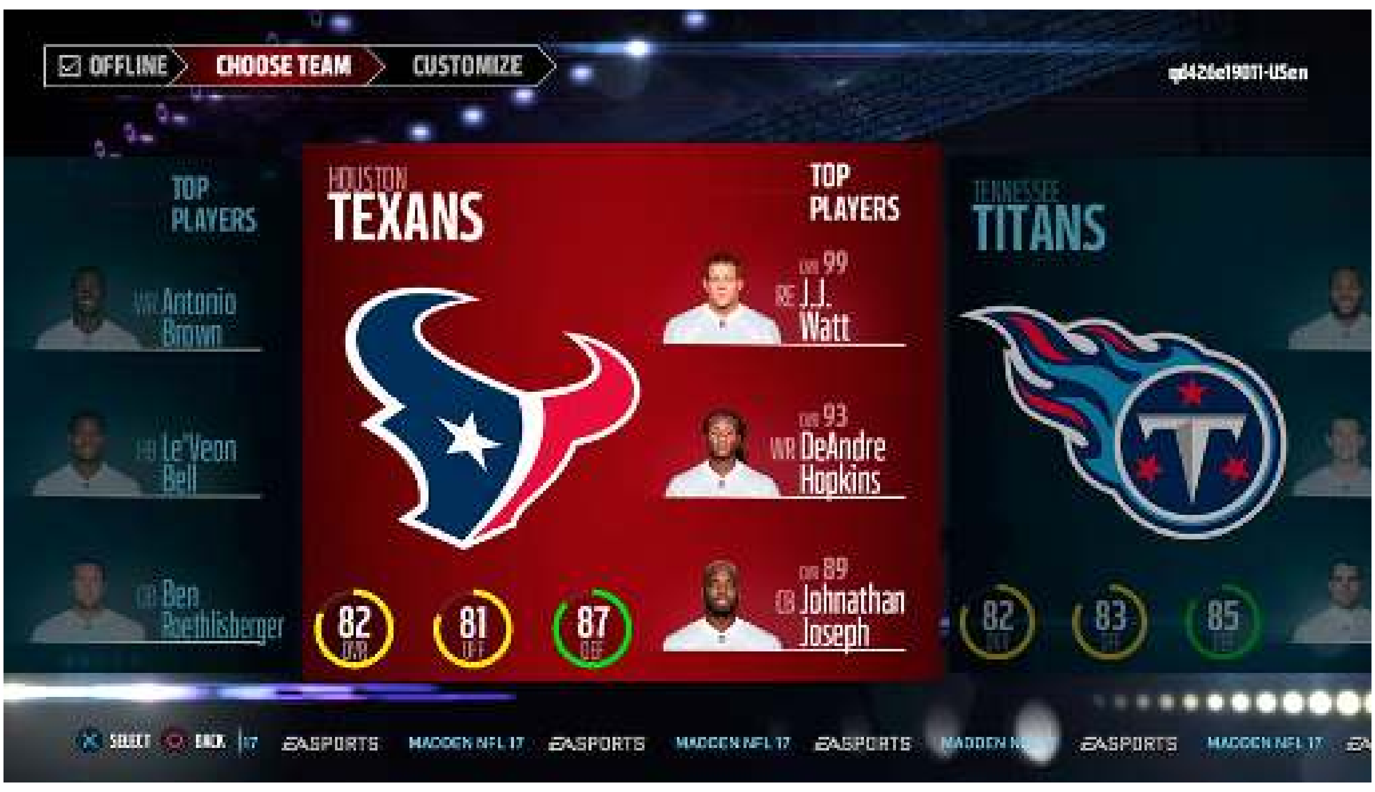
You can really dive deep into how you choose your players in Franchise and how you build your team up because of the new mechanics and improvements. If you've never played Franchise, this is the year to start. Play online with your friends or alone against the CPU; either way, it's the most complete Franchise Mode ever!

CLOUD SAVES

Cloud Saves have faster week advance times and more up-to-date tuning.

FRANCHISE MODE QUICK START GUIDE


YOUR SEASON STARTS NOW!
LAST PLAYED FRANCHISE
START A NEW FRANCHISE
TAKE YOUR TEAM TO THE SUPER BOWL AND BEYOND
LOAD FRANCHISE
SELECT
BACK
ATLANTA FALCONS
NFL.COM
CREW BREES AND SEAN PAYTON HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR A DECADE, AND EVEN AS THE QUART


OFFLINE
CHOOSE TEAM
CUSTOMIZE
TOP PLAYERS
WR Antonio Brown
HB Le'Veon Bell
QB Ben Roethlisberger
HOUSTON TEXANS
TOP PLAYERS
OVR 99 RE J.J. Watt
OVR 93 WR DeAndre Hopkins
OVR 89 CB Johnathan Joseph
82 OVR
81 OFF
87 DEF
TENNESSEE TITANS
82
83
85
SELECT
BACK

- Choose between Cloud and Offline
- Select a Team
- Start Regular Season as Current or Custom Coach

FULL START FRANCHISE MODE CHECKLIST

- Choose Cloud or Offline
- Choose Preseason of Active Roster
- Select Team
- Choose Starting Point (Preseason, Regular, or Fantasy Draft)
- Choose Role (Player, Coach, Owner)
- Customize League Settings (Difficulty, Quarter Length, etc.)
- Start Season

FRANCHISE MODE SEASON RESPONSIBILITIES

- Set Depth Chart
- View Free Agents
- View Trade Block
- View Goals
- View News
- Cut Players (Preseason Start Only)
- Game Prep
- Talk to Media
- Free Practice Mode

Choosing a Path

Choosing a path is completely up to you and how you want to play the game. There are a few different ways to do this. First, you must choose your team. What this really means is determining your team's uniforms and location, and it's not a bad idea to select your favorite team. If you feel like doing the smallest amount of work at the beginning of the game, you can always go with a team that has a rating you want to work with. Choose a team with a high rating if you want to have the best chance to win in the first season or choose a team with a great deal of rookies and younger players if you'd rather build the team with youth.

TIP

Choose between Player, Coach, or Owner for different experiences throughout Franchise Mode.

- **Player:** You can choose to play a single player and control him throughout his career in the NFL. Build him in any position you like and use XP to give him the strengths and weaknesses you design for him. You can select an active player in the league or create your own from scratch as a rookie. See the available positions chart to determine your options. Become an expert at your position and make this player the best there ever was. It's important to note that if you choose to play as a player, you will not have control of any other players on the field and must rely on your own skills and teamwork to win games.
- **Coach:** One of the paths you can take in this season of Franchise Mode is the path of the coach. This is one of the most versatile ways to play because it provides full control of your team and you can manage everything around your roster, as well as upgrade traits to make him the coach that your team needs. You can either choose from an active coach in the NFL or create your own. The latter option allows you to build the coach from the ground up, but choosing an active coach affords you all of their default traits. Going with the coach path is a bit more complicated than the player path simply because of how much control you have over the team. However, it also provides a chance for you to navigate your team's future.
- **Owner:** Choosing to take the path of the owner allows you to not only manage and coach the team as the coach path takes you, but also make more financial decisions for your franchise. You are still able to sign, draft, and manage your team, as well as play the games; however, if you don't feel like managing the prices of concessions or making any stadium decisions, this might not be the route for you. If you want the full experience of what Franchise Mode in Madden NFL 17 has to offer, this is definitely the way to go.

CREATE-A-PLAYER POSITION TYPES

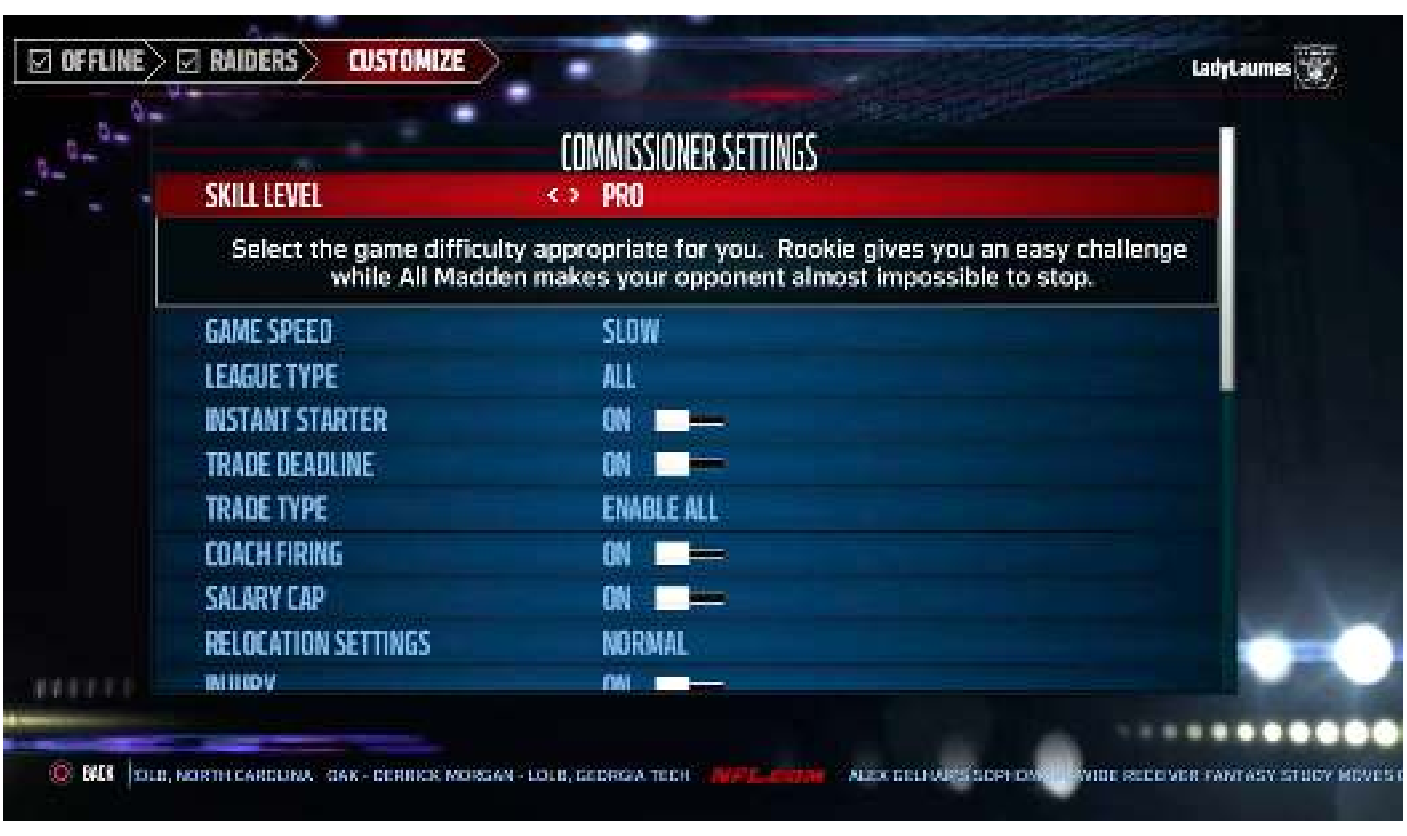
OFFENSE

- Balanced QB
- Pocket Passer QB
- Mobile QB
- Balanced HB
- Power HB
- Speed HB
- Balanced WR
- Speed WR
- Red Zone Threat WR
- Balanced TE
- Vertical Threat TE

DEFENSE

- Balanced LE
- Speed Rush LE
- Balanced RE
- Speed Rush RE
- Balanced DT
- Pass Rushing DT
- Balanced MLB
- 3-4 Tackler MLB
- Balanced LOLB
- 3-4 Pass Rusher LOLB
- Balanced ROLB
- 3-4 Pass Rusher ROLB
- Balanced CB
- Man-To-Man CB
- Balanced FS
- Playmaker FS
- Balanced SS
- Run Support SS

LEAGUE SETTINGS



COMMISSIONER SETTINGS

SKILL LEVEL < > PRO

Select the game difficulty appropriate for you. Rookie gives you an easy challenge while All Madden makes your opponent almost impossible to stop.

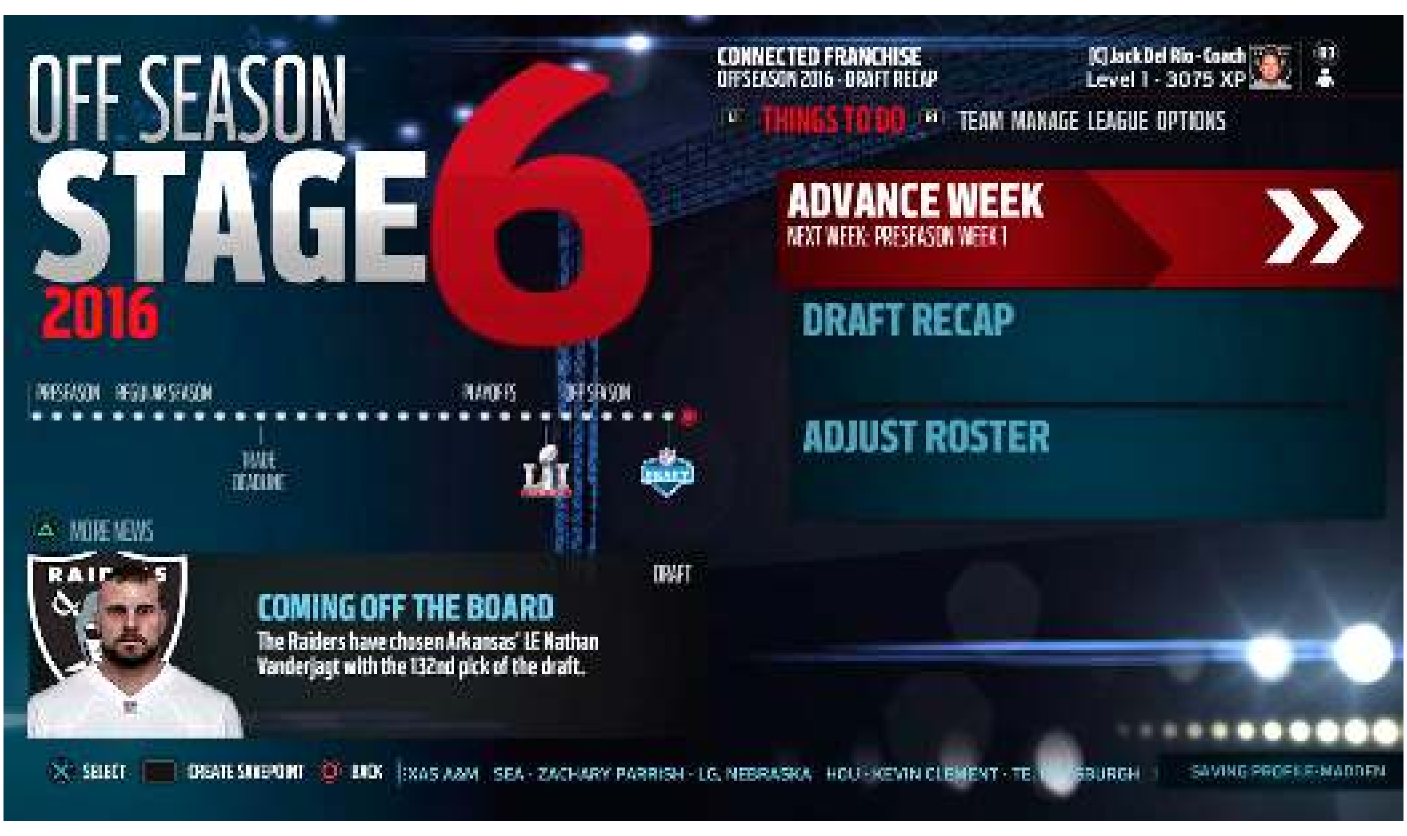
GAME SPEED SLOW
LEAGUE TYPE ALL
INSTANT STARTER ON
TRADE DEADLINE ON
TRADE TYPE ENABLE ALL
COACH FIRING ON
SALARY CAP ON
RELOCATION SETTINGS NORMAL
INJURY ON

To fully control your career in Franchise Mode, you must get to know the League Settings menu very well. Customize these settings to your liking—if you're playing online in a league, the commissioner will be the only one who can do this.

TIME ON YOUR HANDS

Game length is one of the settings that will affect the way you play the game the most.

THINGS TO DO



COMING OFF THE BOARD

The Raiders have chosen Arkansas' LE Nathan Vanderjagt with the 132nd pick of the draft.

- View Box Score
- Negotiate Contracts
- View Trade Block
- View Free Agency
- Start Weekly Training
- Install Game Plan
- View News

The first screen after you've chosen your settings is the Things to Do page, a checklist of what needs to happen before each week starts. Whether it's the draft, choosing the week's training, or watching for free agents, everything will be on this screen. If you choose to be heavily involved with your team, you may want to look into each of the tabs that are presented each week.

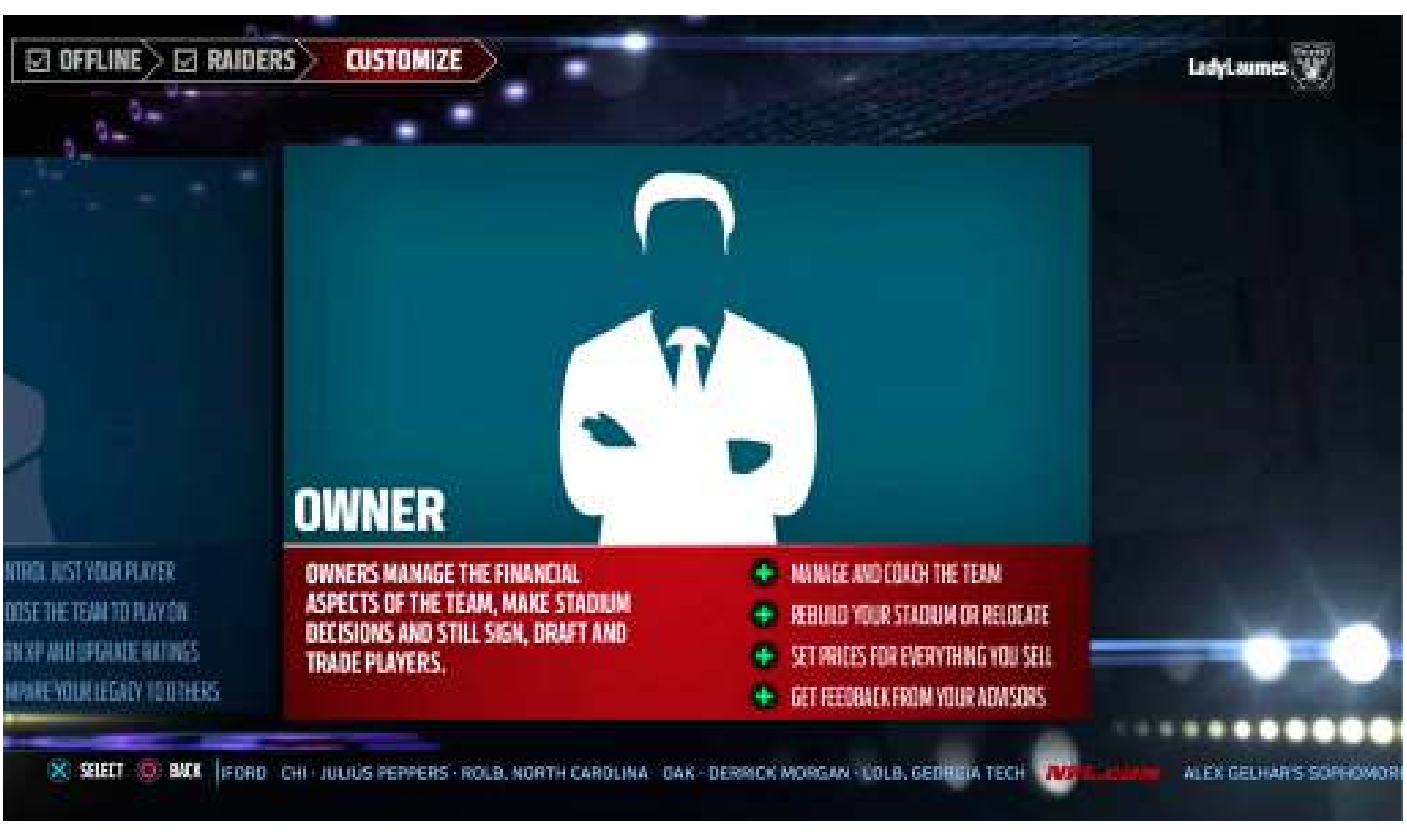
PRESEASON

As with most situations, the Preseason can be simulated. Unless you want to get some practice in with your new squad, it's wise to do this because your players will not suffer any injuries, and they will continue to gain XP and confidence.

GET READY

Preseason is important if you're not entirely sure which style you developed your team for, but it's not essential.

OWNER MODE



OWNERS MANAGE THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE TEAM, MAKE STADIUM DECISIONS AND STILL SIGN, DRAFT AND TRADE PLAYERS.

- MANAGE AND COACH THE TEAM
- REBUILD YOUR STADIUM OR RELOCATE
- SET PRICES FOR EVERYTHING YOU SELL
- GET FEEDBACK FROM YOUR ADVISORS

Your funds in the top-right corner of the screen is the most important number to keep track of—it's what you have to work with. If your league has a salary cap, you may want to keep it in mind when paying your players. The owner has quite a few responsibilities when managing the team in addition to coaching the team. The owner must manage the financial pieces of the team and if this is something for which you want to take responsibility, Owner is definitely the appropriate role. Within the My Owner panel, you have all of the responsibilities the owner has. Here are some tips on how to utilize them:

- **Owner Goals:** Owner goals are normally long term goals as they contribute to the owner's legacy.
- **Media Questions:** Answering questions posed by the media will directly affect Fan Happiness and Team Popularity. Choosing the right responses is vital for this progression.
- **Team Value:** Tracking your team's value is important, but not if you are spending like crazy. Make sure you have funds going into the off season because if you are unable to pick up any free agents, the next season may be a rough one.
- **Finances:** Ticket prices should cost as much as your team is worth watching. But increasing the price of admission just to earn the funds necessary to dig yourself out of a hole for next season will come back to bite you.
- **Marketing:** Team popularity drives ticket prices, which translates to ticket sales and Fan Happiness.
- **Stadium:** Upgrading your stadium can help with Fan Happiness, but sometimes relocating can improve things exponentially.
- **Fan Happiness:** Use this tool to track your progress with all of the other Owner features and keep an accurate scope of how you are doing as an owner.
- **Staff:** Staff can be extremely important as they come with perks that both directly and indirectly affect your team and roster.
- **Team Success:** This tab is another grand scale tool that will track the legacy of the team. Use it to see how you're doing and compare it to the rest of the league.

Once you've become familiar with the full list of tools in Owner Mode, you can try out multiple options and play with how they work. Getting a good balance to start off your season and playing with your financials and your response to the media will only help your franchise and gain popularity amongst your community.

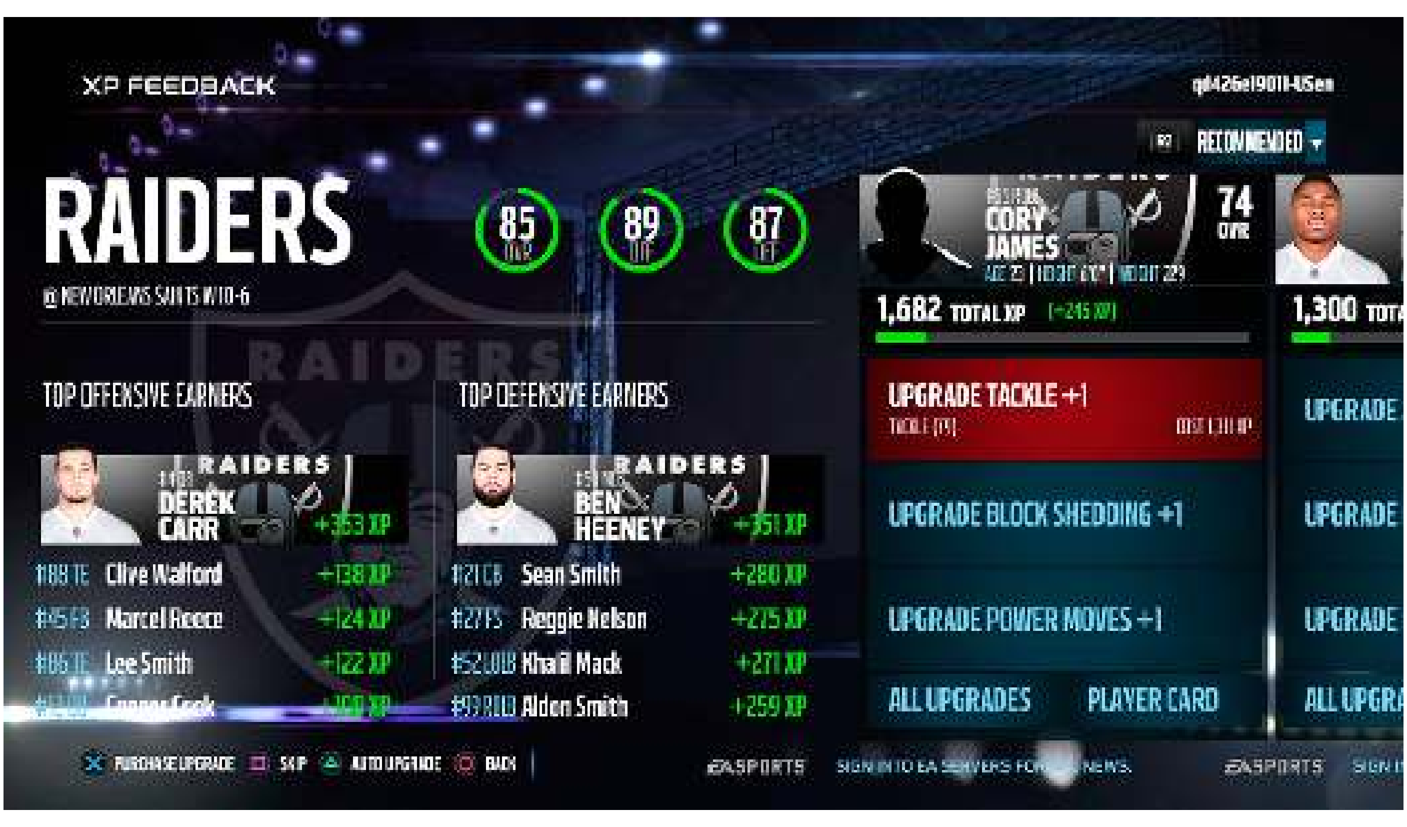
Franchise Mode

Top 5 Game Prep Tips

The game preparation this season is even more important than it was last year. Not only is it crucial to improve your players before every game, but it's also important to make sure they are happy and their contract negotiations are going smoothly. One of the biggest features this season is the installation of a game plan before each week. Involving the realism that a franchise goes through makes training your players for each week more important than ever.

TIP 5

EARN PLAYER XP

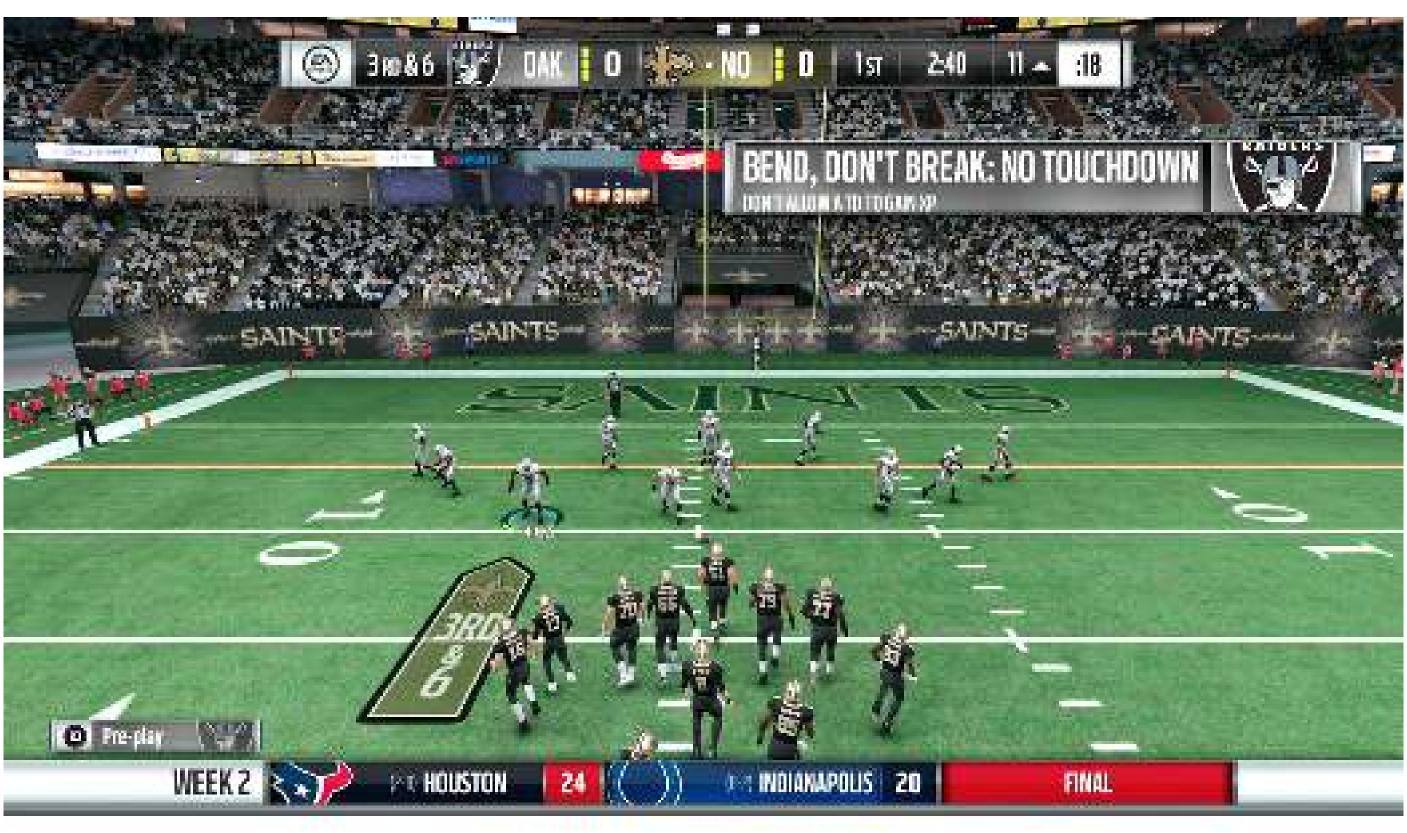

XP FEEDBACK
RAIDERS
TOP OFFENSIVE EARNERS
TOP DEFENSIVE EARNERS
DEREK CARR +353 XP
Clive Walford +138 XP
Marcel Reece +124 XP
Lee Smith +122 XP
BEN HEENEY +351 XP
Sean Smith +280 XP
Reggie Nelson +275 XP
Khalil Mack +271 XP
Aldon Smith +259 XP
UPGRADE TACKLE +1
UPGRADE BLOCK SHEDDING +1
UPGRADE POWER MOVES +1
ALL UPGRADES
PLAYER CARD
PURCHASE UPGRADE
SKIP
AUTO UPGRADE
BACK

Choose The Players You Want Upgrade Each Week. They Need To Be Focused.

Players earn their own XP and when you focus them during game preparation they gain even more XP than normal. There are a few different ways to earn XP each week; one of those ways is to focus them before the week starts, of course, but another is to achieve player goals during games. This season features more dynamic goals for more positions and players. Achieving them goes quite a long way when it comes to earning XP for the players, as well as the coach.

TIP 4

EARN PLAYER CONFIDENCE

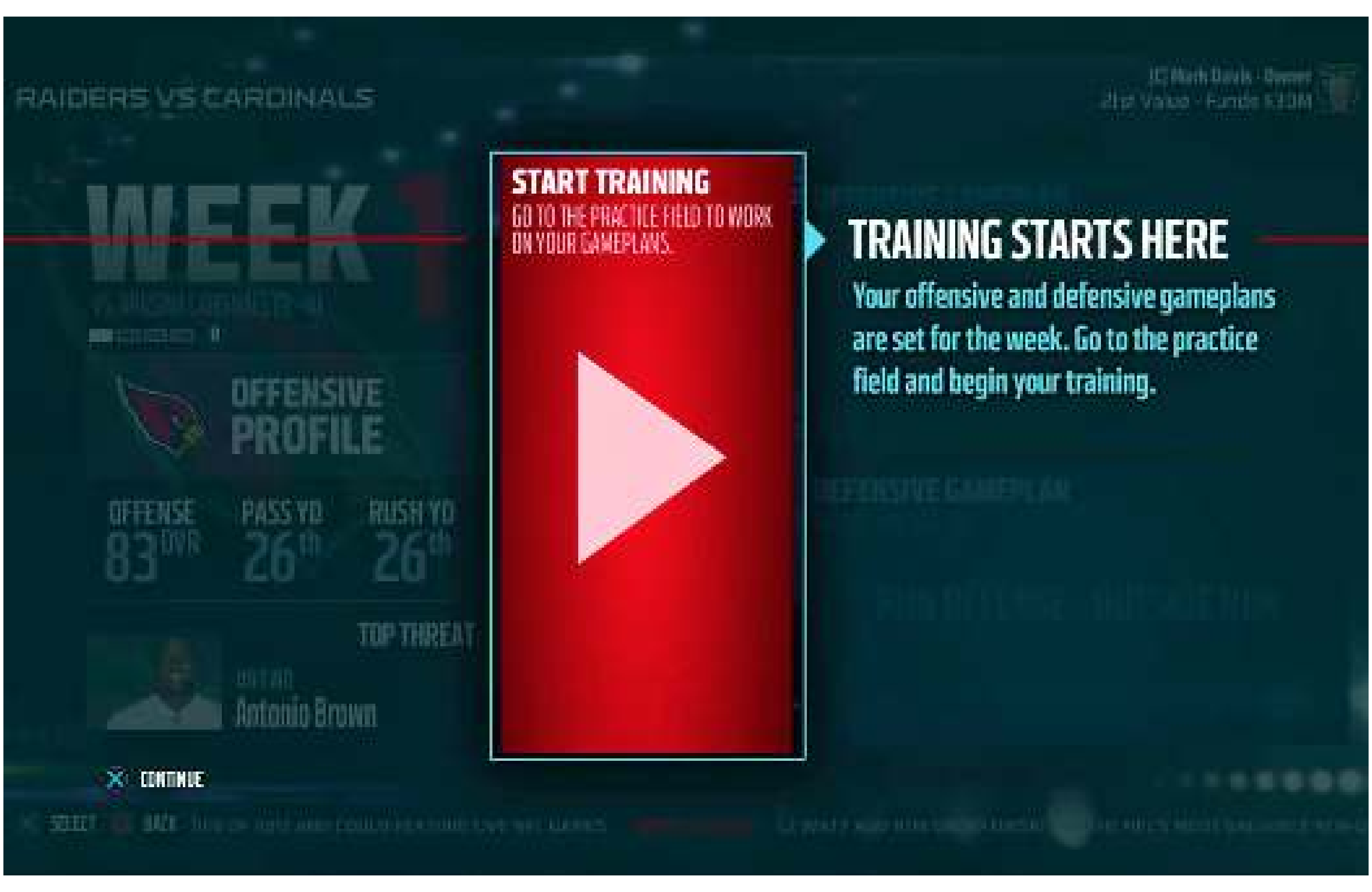

3RD & 6
OAK 0
NO 0
1ST
2:40
:18
BEND, DON'T BREAK: NO TOUCHDOWN
Pre-play
WEEK 2
HOUSTON 24
INDIANAPOLIS 20
FINAL

Drive Goals Go Far When Attempting To Earn Player Confidence.

Just like earning player XP, there are features that help you earn a higher player confidence. During gameplay, complete these features to raise the confidence of your players and make them overall better assets to your team. Drive goals often appear during critical drives, but they are always important for raising player confidence, regardless of when they pop up. Of course, winning games also significantly raises player confidence levels. Winning results in better player performances, and the longer a player has a high confidence level, the better he will perform and the more he advances as a player.

TIP 3

COMPLETE WEEKLY TRAINING

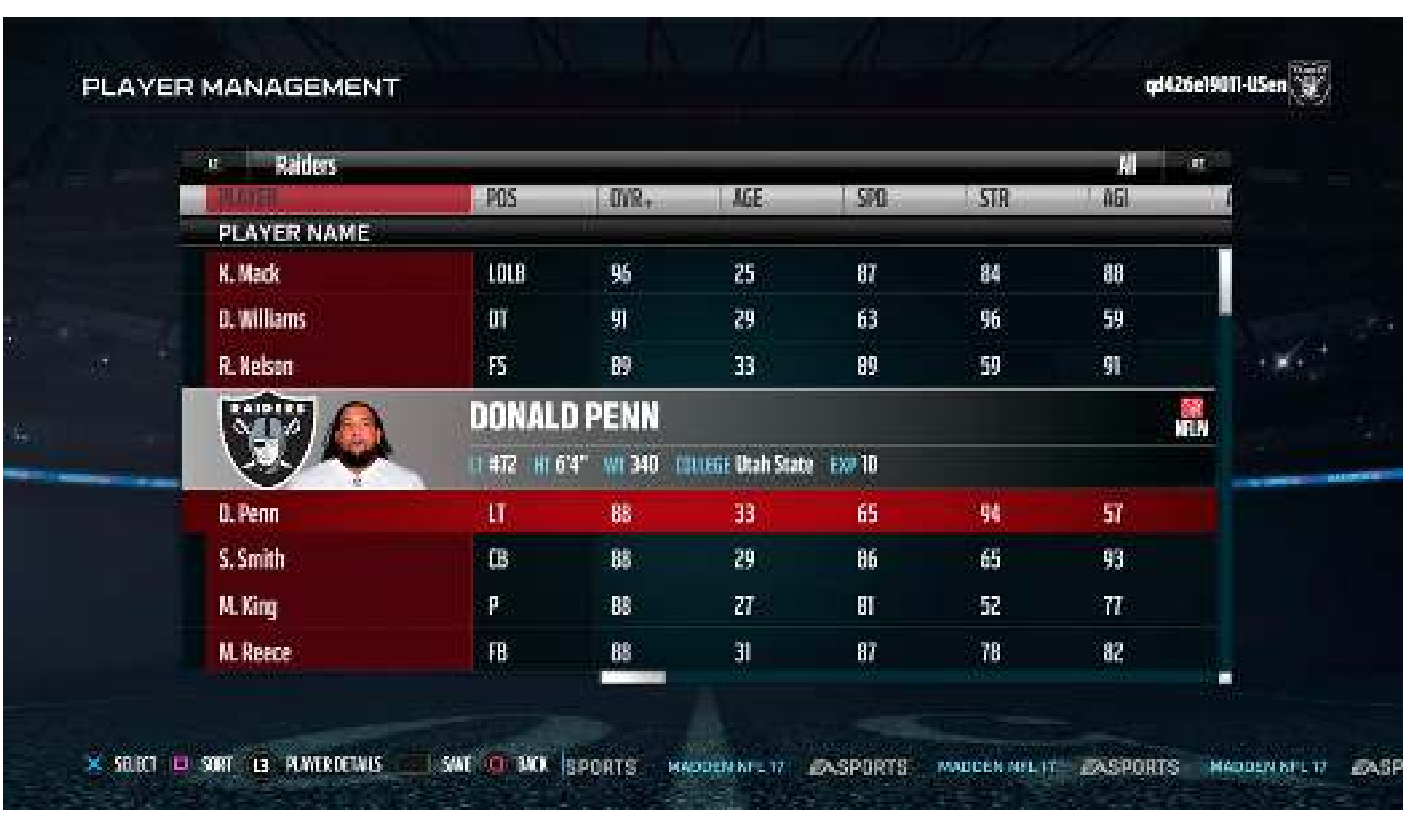

RAIDERS VS CARDINALS
WEEK 1
OFFENSIVE PROFILE
OFFENSE 83 OVR
PASS YD 26th
RUSH YD 26th
TOP THREAT
Antonio Brown
START TRAINING
GO TO THE PRACTICE FIELD TO WORK ON YOUR GAMEPLANS.
TRAINING STARTS HERE
Your offensive and defensive gameplans are set for the week. Go to the practice field and begin your training.
CONTINUE

You Can Sim Your Team's Training Each Week If You So Choose. It Might Save You Some Time, But You Won't Get The Practice In The Game Plan.

Working on both your offensive and defensive gameplan is key for everyone on the team, including you. Using something that will attack the opposing team's weakness is obviously a good idea, but if you are not confident in running those plays, you won't perform them in the best way possible. One of the most important reasons for completing your team's training each week is to earn boosts that give you that edge like any team that put in the work to prepare for the upcoming week. When you start each week's game, you can choose the specific boost you'd like to use.

TIP 2

KNOW YOUR PLAYERS


PLAYER MANAGEMENT
Raiders
All
DONALD PENN
LT #72 HT 6'4" WT 340 COLLEGE Utah State EXP 10
SELECT
SORT
PLAYER DETAILS
SAVE
BACK

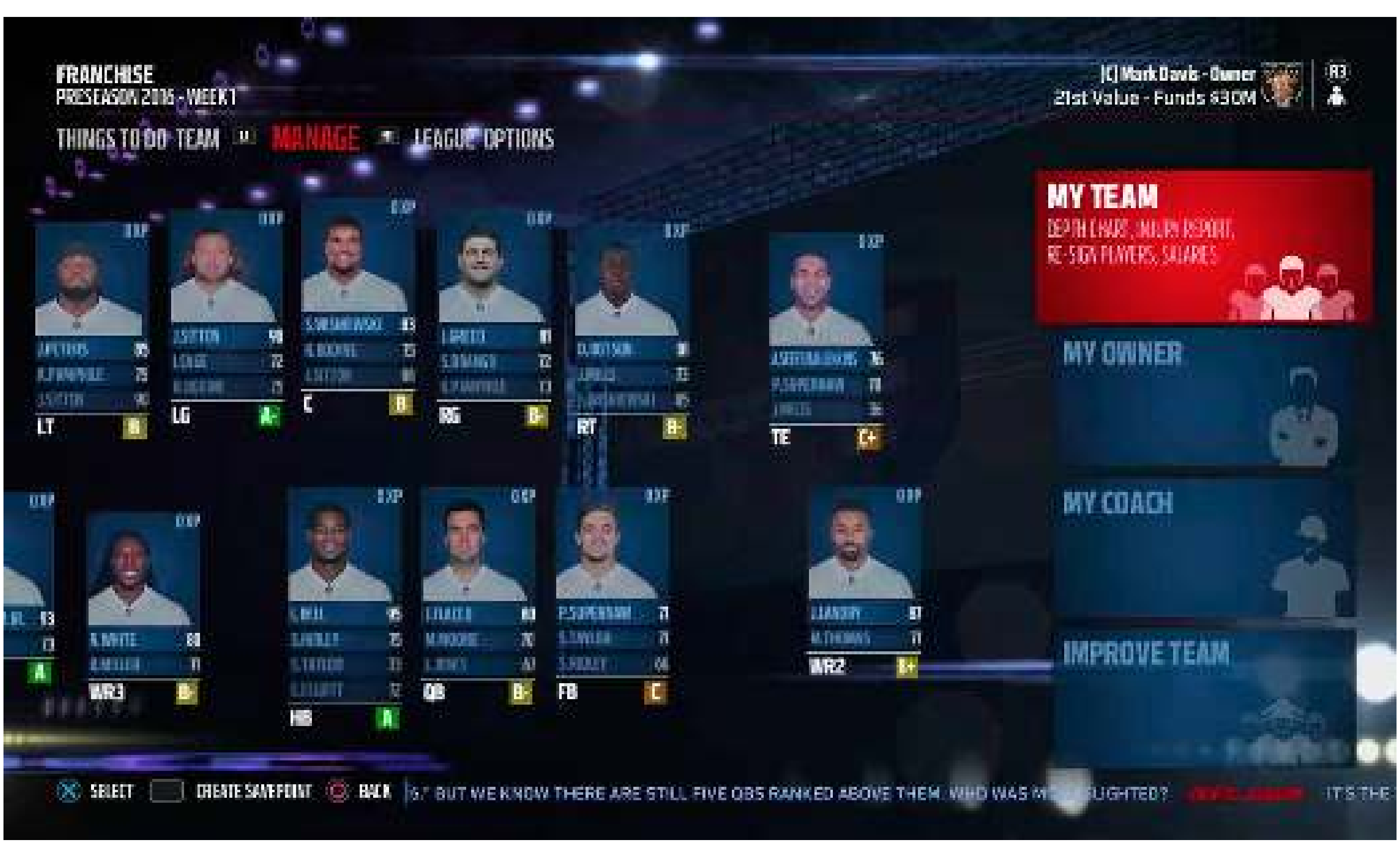
PLAYER NAME	POS	OVR	AGE	SPD	STR	AGI
K. Mack	LOLB	96	25	87	84	88
D. Williams	DT	91	29	63	96	59
R. Nelson	FS	89	33	89	59	91
D. Penn	LT	88	33	65	94	57
S. Smith	CB	88	29	86	65	93
M. King	P	88	27	81	52	77
M. Reece	FB	88	31	87	78	82

It's Important To Have The Right Make Up Of Players On A Single Team Rather Than Just Superstars.

Players are only as good as the collection of teammates who they work with. That means more than just a collection of good players wins games. Teams must have a theme to excel in any area of expertise. Find out where you need players and keep an eye out for the ones who might fit those positions. As you learn more about your players and how long they have been in the league, you will know more about how to shape and pair them with other players.

TIP 1

PROGRESS YOUR PLAYERS


FRANCHISE
PRESEASON 2016 - WEEK 1
THINGS TO DO
TEAM
MANAGE
LEAGUE
OPTIONS
[C] Mark Davis - Owner
21st Value - Funds $30M
MY TEAM
MY OWNER
MY COACH
IMPROVE TEAM
SELECT
CREATE SAVEPOINT
BACK

Spending Your XP In Uniform Fashion Is A Great Way To Create Role Players On Your Roster.

After your players have gained some XP, it's time to upgrade them. There are several ways to do this for each position. You can obviously upgrade them in any fashion that you want, but it's important to know who they are and what they are already good at, then either continue on that path or upgrade their weaknesses. Another way is to focus on your younger players who still have plenty of room to be shaped, then mold them in a fashion that you need desperately on your roster. Younger players can be built up to be unstoppable in a specific trait if you choose to focus on them, sometimes developing them into superstars.

Top 5 Position Types

POSITION 5

+
- Good Speed
- Good Mobile Throwing Accuracy
- Good Good Short Accuracy

−
- Decent Awareness
- Decent Medium Accuracy
- Poor Deep Accuracy

MOBILE QB

The mobile quarterback is a great opposition for the quick acting defensive mechanics that have been implemented into Madden NFL 17. There are many instances when the defensive line will break through your offensive line and you'll need to leave the pocket. A Mobile QB can take advantage of both the short pass plays and the new ball carrier mechanics to get out of trouble and possibly gain a few yards amidst the mayhem.

POSITION 4

+
- Good Play Recognition
- Good Tackle
- Good Zone Coverage
- Good Speed

−
- Poor Block Shed
- Poor Pursuit

BALANCED MLB

This season, Madden has improved the way that your players utilize zone coverage. A balanced MLB will not only be able to play the edge successfully, but with his good Play Recognition rating he can also shift his position or make a move toward stopping the offense. Defense is fun this year; there are greater options as you take control of the run game. Use his speed and RAC to take the ball carrier down fast, preventing the other team from even getting close to the red zone.

POSITION 3

+
- Good Hit Power
- Great Speed
- Great Zone Coverage

−
- Poor Block Shed
- Poor Tackle
- Decent Pursuit

PLAYMAKER FS

The playmaker in the backfield is a great asset to the team when it comes to holding the edge. Play the zone coverage with this player type and make sure nothing in the air reaches the opposing WR's hands. This playmaker can cover most, if not all, of the passing game, but also hit the ball carrier or receiver with both his speed and hit power to shake the ball loose. Use the new defensive mechanics this season to make sure the opposing team is afraid to pass the ball, making pass rushing one of the most fun pieces of the game.

POSITION 2

RED ZONE THREAT WR

As we have already described a few times in this guide, the zone defense has been immensely improved this season. This is what makes the Red Zone Threat WR an incredibly important position to have on the roster. Playing the short game and running slant in the red zone is very effective. Use his Play Recognition and Catching rating to run risky but effective plays to put points on the board whenever you're in the red zone.

POSITION 1

+
- Great Trucking
- Great Stiff Arm
- Great Carrying

−
- Decent Speed
- Decent Acceleration
- Decent Agility

POWER BACK HB

The position type that takes this season's Madden NFL to the max is the Power Back HB. This player utilizes the improved mechanics extremely well. If you learn to master them, you should have no problem developing the Power Back HB into an all star. The ability to run up the middle and take down most defenders in your way is huge. Use the stiff arm when running the pitch as your power back can break most high level tackles and hold on to the ball during most situations.

Franchise Mode

Selecting Your Squad

A variety of decisions goes into selecting the right squad for the situation. You can always choose a team that gives you the best chances of winning right now and in your first season, or you can make the decision to start a team during their building phase and help them continue to build, but in your style. Then, of course, if you don’t want to use an existing roster at all, you can choose the Fantasy Draft and build your team up that way.

CHOOSING YOUR TEAM

When choosing your squad, think about how you would like to start the game and how you want to continue. The Fantasy Draft pits you against the CPU or other players to choose your players wisely, quickly, and evenly to get the most efficient roster.

Franchise Mode

Top 5 Win Now Teams

Win now teams are built or have an existing roster with the highest Overall rating. A contributing factor is a longer list of players at the peak of their careers. This season consists of a much deeper system when it comes to building each player individually. Players' ages matter much more, as well as how their traits have been built. In Madden NFL 17, players at their peak perform much better than other players at the same skill level. However, the same player's performance begins to decrease rather rapidly as they continue to age.

TEAM 5

OVERALL	86
OFFENSE	87
DEFENSE	87
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	WR
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	FS

ARIZONA CARDINALS

The Arizona Cardinals have one of the best passing games in the league; with a veteran QB and enough speed on the field, it's going to be tough to stop any air attack this team puts together. The Cardinals have only improved their roster since last year, making for a pretty strong depth chart. This season's zone defense helps their defense excel, especially with Tryann Mathieu in the backfield.

TEAM 4

OVERALL	87
OFFENSE	93
DEFENSE	83
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	WR
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	LE

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

What will make or break the Steelers this year is whether they can score without allowing the other team to answer back. Pittsburgh's defensive line is rebuilding, which means they will be able to keep more pressure on the offense and solve this problem. Having both the running and the passing game somewhat at a peak this season, the Steelers have another shot at going all the way. With their tough loss last year, they should be hungry this season and ready to get another great year under their belt.

TEAM 3

OVERALL	87
OFFENSE	91
DEFENSE	85
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	QB
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	RE

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Aaron Rodgers is still in his prime, which means the Packers have another shot at the Super Bowl as long as the offensive line stays healthy. While this season's ground control is the key to success, the short passing game is still extremely difficult to defend against when you have a QB like Rodgers. The Green Bay Packers benefit not only from having one of the best QBs, but also two of the top WRs in the league. Keeping to the air, while having Eddie Lacey's acceleration and speed as the alternative, will always make the Packers a serious offensive threat.

TEAM 2

OVERALL	87
OFFENSE	93
DEFENSE	85
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	TE
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	MLB

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Carolina Panthers have made some major improvements in the last couple of years. The upset of last season's Super Bowl has not discouraged their roster, keeping both the offense and the defense extremely strong. Cam Newton's leadership and mobility provide an advantage against the blitz. What gives Carolina a major edge is the defensive linebackers and the fact that both Zone Coverage and Man defense will keep most offenses at bay. Luke Kuechly's Awareness rating makes any play in his sector an extremely risky play for the offense.

TEAM 1

OVERALL	88
OFFENSE	87
DEFENSE	93
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	TE
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	FS

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The New England Patriots are easily the top rated team this season. Between Rob Gronkowski, Tom Brady, and Don't'a Hightower, the depth chart is full of superstars. Because of how significantly Madden NFL 17 has been improved for age and experience, superstars are critical for a "win now" team. It's important to mention that even though most of the superstars are on the offense, the depth chart on defense has the highest rating in the game. The ground war has given a major advantage to the Patriots.

Next in the tier of how far you want to look down the road as you build your team are the up and coming squads that might need a season or two before they're ready to contend in the playoffs. Some of these teams may not seem like they're even close, but it's important to see the overall strength of what might be a style or type in the making. The fun part about Franchise is taking a team from a list such as this one and making the necessary adjustments to turn them into a championship team quickly.

TEAM 5

OVERALL	84
OFFENSE	79
DEFENSE	89
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	QB
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	FS

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

The Seahawks lost some key players over the last few seasons, which has put them into a small rebuilding phase. They have one of the strongest defenses in the league, but both their running and passing game are suffering compared to recent years. Looking for key recruits like a strong HB and another WR to play alongside Doug Baldwin can really turn this team's offense around, giving them a much better chance at competing than they have this year. Because of their strong defense, making minor adjustments there may not be required, but you definitely need to back them up on the offensive end to put points on the board.

TEAM 4

OVERALL	85
OFFENSE	89
DEFENSE	83
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	WR
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	ROLB

DALLAS COWBOYS

The Cowboys should not have a problem scoring via their passing game this season. However, if they plan on passing when matched up against a roster with a great air defense, they need some major improvements from the running backs. Tony Romo should have no problems getting the ball out of his hands as he has one of the best offensive lines in the league defending him. However, the new gap play gaining a HB with a high Awareness rating, as well as the ability to break tackles, should turn this team around very quickly.

TEAM 3

OVERALL	85
OFFENSE	89
DEFENSE	87
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	QB
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	LOLB

OAKLAND RAIDERS

This is a team that has been up and coming for a few years now. Even though they might not quite be ready to win a championship, the Oakland Raiders have been in a very successful rebuilding stage recently. They now have a young but experienced QB leading the charge with a defense that wins games. What the Raiders still lack is a strong running back who can make plays. Find a Playmaker HB or even a TE who can catch on the run. Slants and HB Dive will become staples in the Raiders' offense.

TEAM 2

OVERALL	85
OFFENSE	91
DEFENSE	85
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	WR
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	ROLB

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Cincinnati is another great team that's just coming out of its rebuilding phase. Now with a solid starting roster, the Bengals have made leaps and bounds over the last year. After a major loss of some of their veterans, this team has gained a few key players, including receivers who can outrun and out-maneuver almost every CB in the league. Once again, however, if you can score a few points just to have the other team answer back, winning games will not be in your future and that will be the case with this team until the backfield shapes up a bit. Hire some players to play your zone defense and you'll be in business.

TEAM 1

OVERALL	86
OFFENSE	83
DEFENSE	91
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER	HB
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER	LOLB

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

After being playoff contenders for a few years now, the Kansas City Chiefs have still failed to deliver in their postseason performances. Getting points on the board is of the utmost importance when it comes to this team's playstyle because of their ever improving defense. This year the defense should still have little problem holding back the opposition, but now with some experienced WRs and a good HB, the team is set up to do well. Hiring someone to protect the QB might be beneficial, giving him that extra time to make something happen.

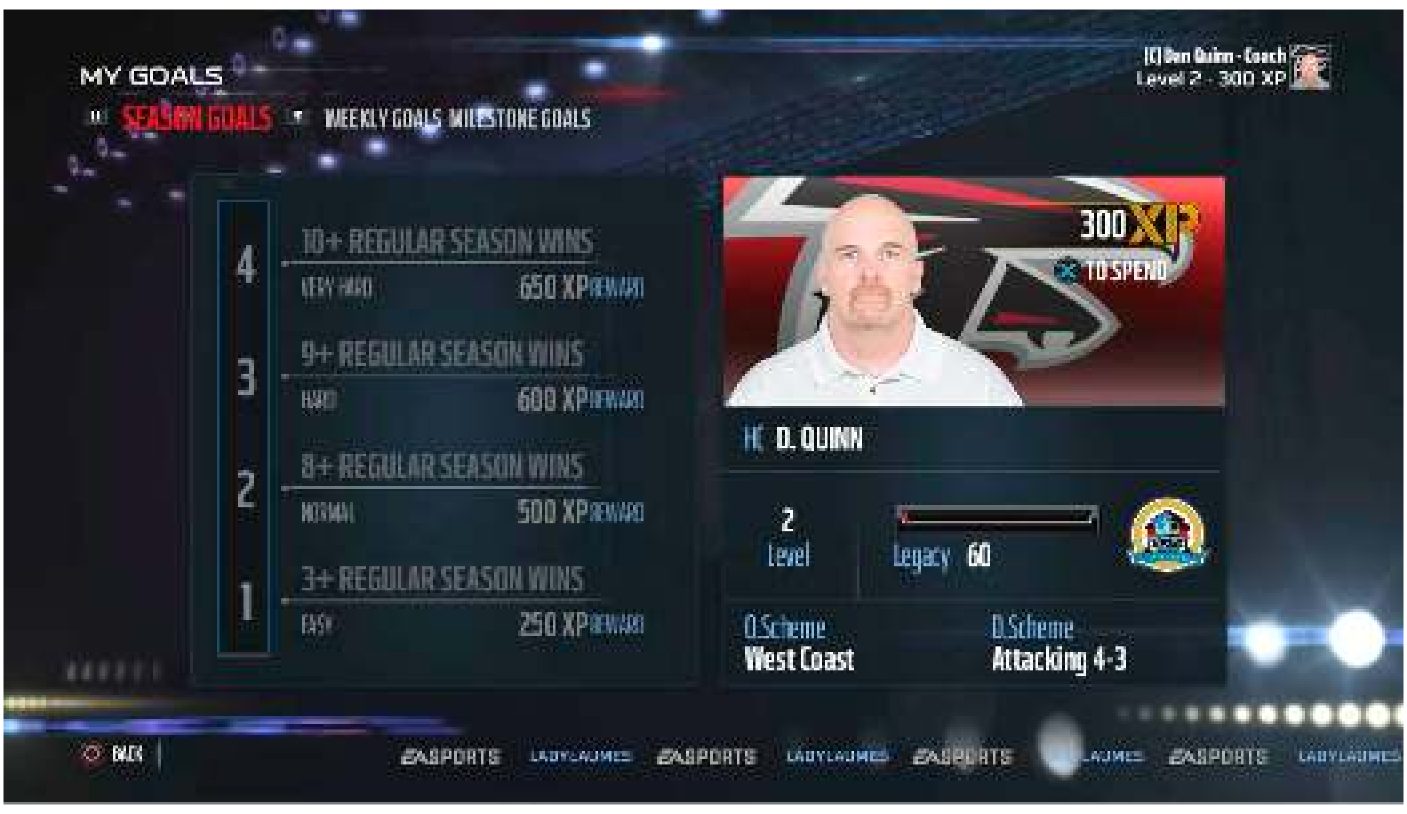
Franchise Mode

Goals

Goals are back in this season and more important than ever. Each role within the Franchise Mode has its own goals and an extremely different perspective, which can determine your strategy. The fortunate thing about these goals is that accomplishing them will help you win games.

DIFFERENT GOALS

Both the Owner and Coach goals are clearly stated within their respective Goals menu.


MY GOALS
SEASON GOALS
WEEKLY GOALS
MILESTONE GOALS
[C] Dan Quinn - Coach
Level 2 - 300 XP
4
10+ REGULAR SEASON WINS
VERY HARD
650 XP REWARD
3
9+ REGULAR SEASON WINS
HARD
600 XP REWARD
2
8+ REGULAR SEASON WINS
NORMAL
500 XP REWARD
1
3+ REGULAR SEASON WINS
EASY
250 XP REWARD
300 XP
TO SPEND
HC D. QUINN
2
Level
Legacy 60
O.Scheme
West Coast
D.Scheme
Attacking 4-3
BACK
EASPORTS
LADYLAUMES

GOAL TYPES

- Drive Goals
- Weekly Goals
- Season Goals
- Milestone Goals

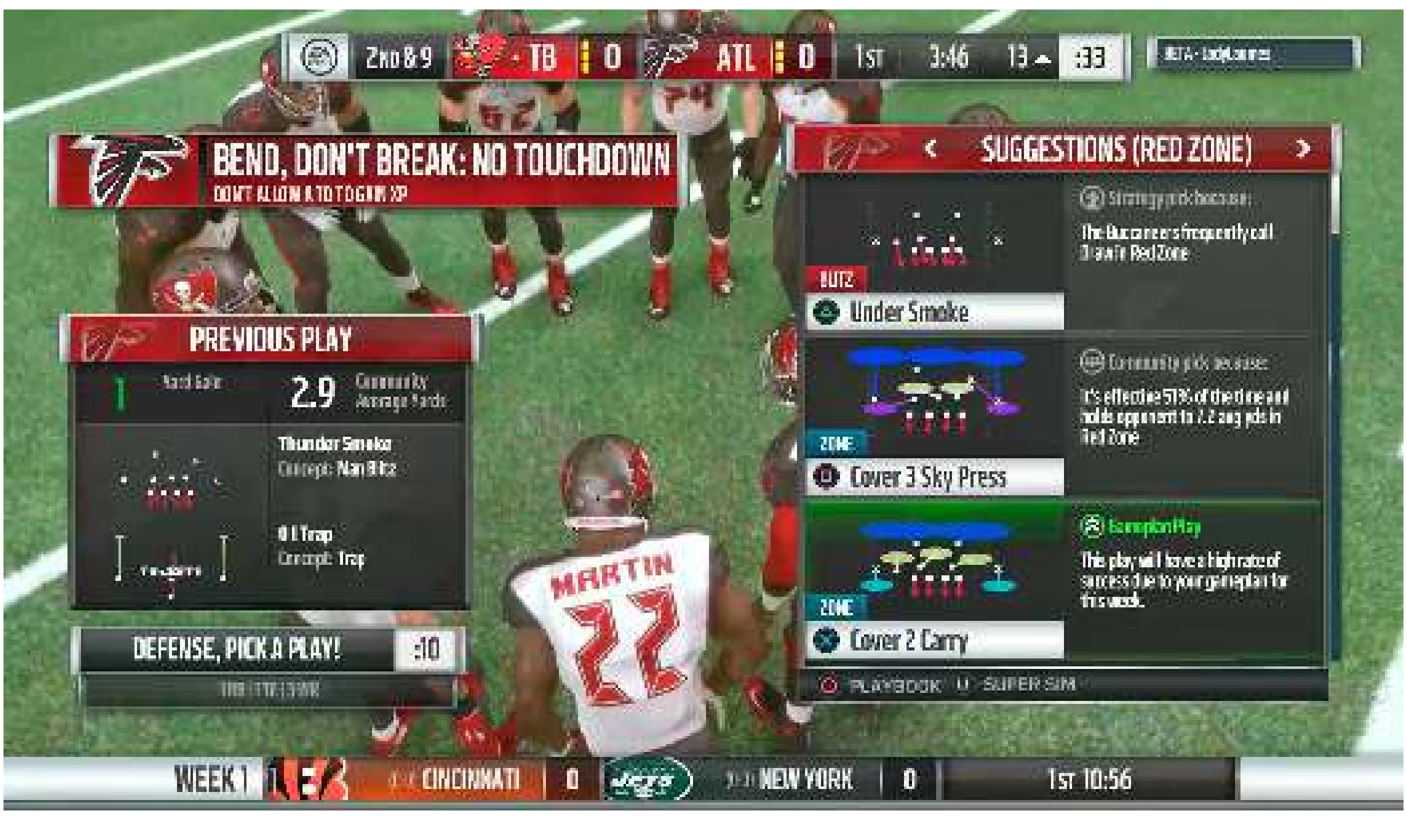
Use the Team menu to access team goals for the next week. These often focus on the impact players. It's always a good idea to attempt the completion of these because they result in XP for your players, which means quicker upgrades. Peek at your players' development (dev) traits and figure out which ones have fast dev traits because they will gain more XP per game.

THE POWER OF FOCUS

Dev trait is definitely important, especially amongst young players, but it's not the only reason to focus players each week or push to achieve their goals.

DYNAMIC DRIVE GOALS

The Dynamic Drive Goals are back for the second season in a row—improved and even more important. These change for each drive and don't exist for every goal, but they are available for enough drives throughout the week to provide an additional challenge.


2ND & 9
TB
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ATL
0
1ST
3:46
13
:33
BEND, DON'T BREAK: NO TOUCHDOWN
DON'T ALLOW A TD TO GAIN XP
SUGGESTIONS (RED ZONE)
BLITZ
Under Smoke
ZONE
Cover 3 Sky Press
ZONE
Cover 2 Carry
PREVIOUS PLAY
2.9
Thunder Smoke
Concept: Man Blitz
Concept: Trap
DEFENSE, PICK A PLAY!
:10
PLAYBOOK
SUPER SIM
MARTIN
22
WEEK 1
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NEW YORK
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1ST 10:56

IGNORING DRIVE GOALS

Don't get distracted by drive goals if you're in a tight situation on the field. Normally, when a drive goal is presented it's in your best interest; however, if the player it's intended for is not in the play's best interest, don't feel compelled to use him.

Franchise Mode

Top 5 Scouting Tips

Scouting in Franchise mode is something you should never ignore, especially if you plan on taking your team all the way. Even if you choose a “win now” team, there’s no guarantee you won’t suffer some roster-crippling injuries along the way. Scouting is available at the start of week 3 in the regular season. This is a good time to get started, but don’t use all of your points on one player right away as things can happen that will change your mind on what you’re looking for in your roster. Do a little bit of scouting each week and use your coaching abilities to gain an even better eye for scouting.

Young Players Are Incredibly More Trainable This Season, So Scouting The Right Talent For Your Roster Is Crucial.

SCOUTING GUIDE BY POSITION

OFFENSE

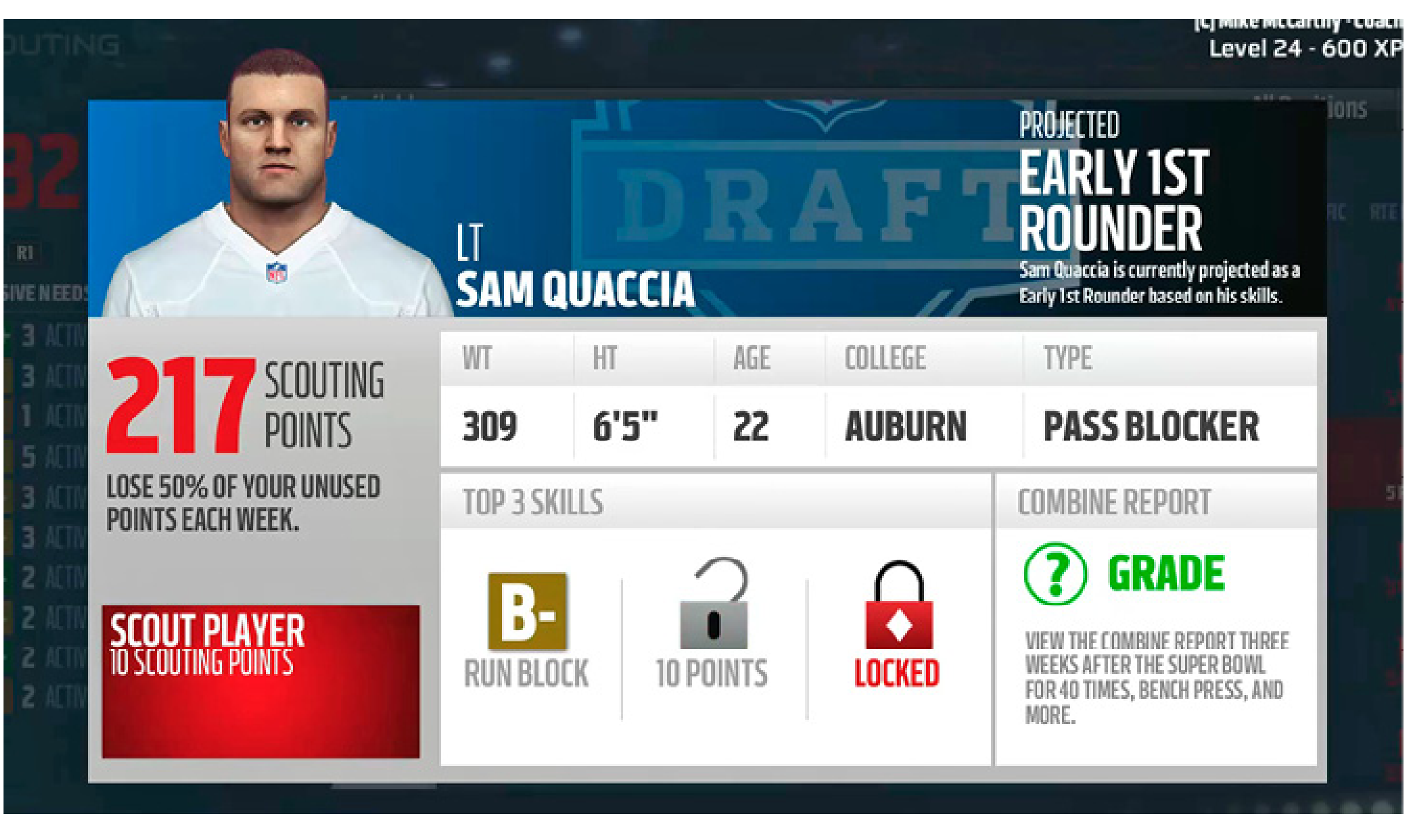
GOOD UNLOCK	POCKET QB	MOBILE QB	SPEED BACK	POWER HB	BALANCED WR	SPEED/ROUTE RUNNER WR	RED ZONE WR	TE	OL	K/P
A-	Throw Power	Throw Accuracy Short	Elusiveness	Trucking	Route Running	Route Running	Catch in Traffic	Catch in Traffic	Pass Block	Kick Power
B+	Throw Accuracy Deep	Throw On Run	Catching	Vall Carrier Vision	Catch in Traffic	Catch in Traffic	Spectacular Catch	Spectacular Catch	Run Block	Kick Accuracy
B-	Throw Accuracy Short	Throw Power	Ball Carrier Vision	Carrying	Spectacular Catch	Release	Release	Run Block		
UNLOCK MORE	**CONSISTENCY**	**CONSISTENCY**	**JUKE MOVE**	**SPIN MOVE**	**RELEASE**	**SPECTACULAR CATCH**	**ROUTE RUNNING**	**CATCHING**	**TOUGHNESS**	**AWARENESS**
	Throw On Run	Throw Deep	Spin Move	Stiff Arm	Catching	Catching	Catching	Route Running	Impact Block	
			Stiff Arm	Juke Move	Kick Return	Kick Return	Kick Return			

DEFENSE

GOOD UNLOCK	3-4 RUN STOPPER	SPEED RUSHER	DT	3-4 OLB	4-3 OLB	MLB	MAN CB	ZONE CB	COVERAGE SAFETY	HARD-HITTING SAFETY
A-	Block Shedding	Power Moves	Block Shedding	Power Moves	Hit Power	Tackle	Man Coverage	Zone Coverage	Zone Coverage	Hit Power
B+	Power Moves	Finesse Moves	Power Moves	Hit Power	Zone Coverage	Hit Power	Press	Man Coverage	Hit Power	Zone Coverage
B-		Hit Power		Zone Coverage	Man Coverage	Zone Coverage	Zone Coverage	Press	Play Recognition	Play Recognition
UNLOCK MORE	**HIT POWER**	**PURSUIT**	**TACKLE**	**PURSUIT**	**PURSUIT**	**PURSUIT**	**CATCHING**	**CATCHING**	**PURSUIT**	**PURSUIT**
	Tackle Pursuit	Tackle	Pursuit	Tackle	Tackle	Catching	Kick Return	Kick Return	Catching	Catching

TEAM 5

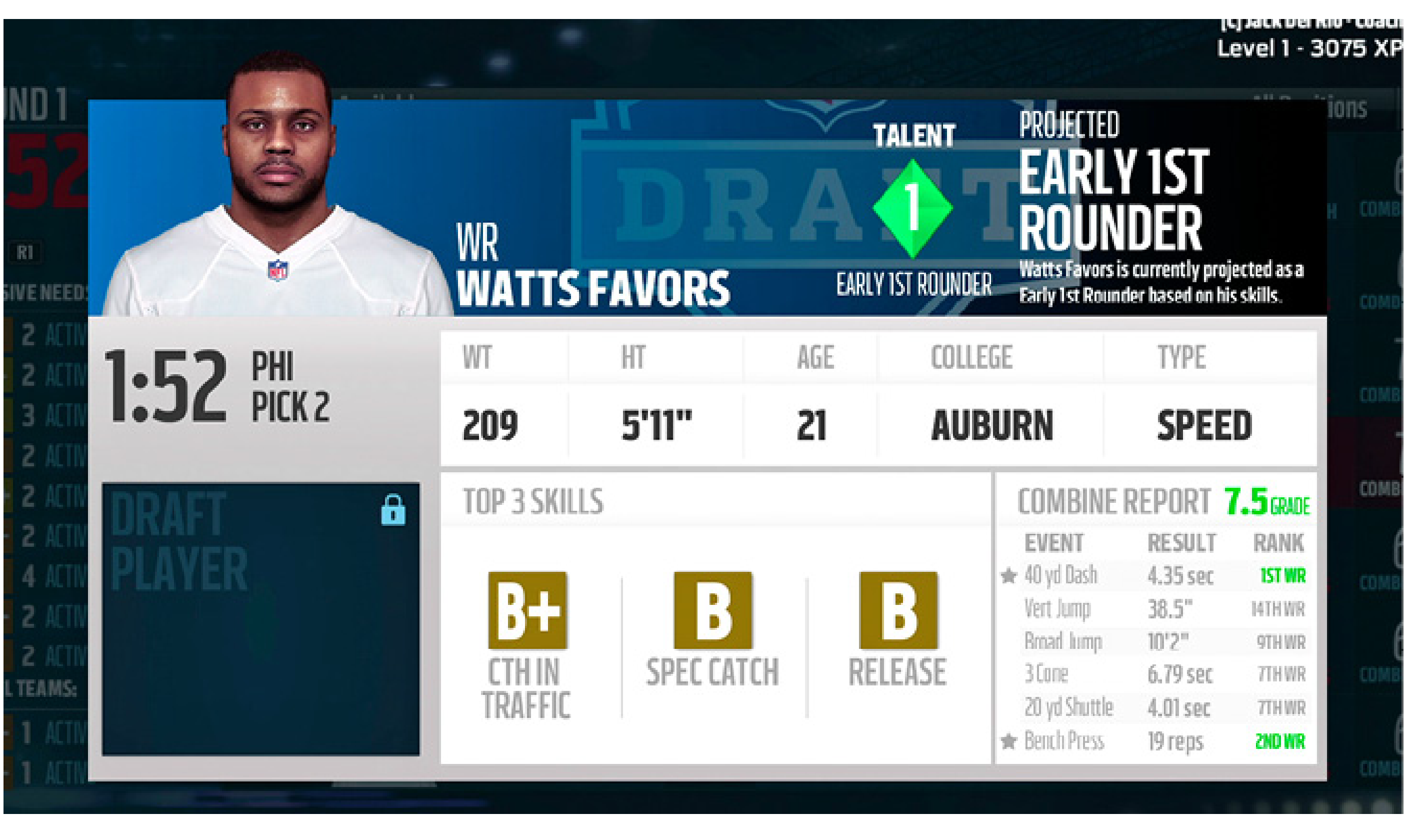
ONE SKILL AT A TIME


Level 24 - 600 XP
PROJECTED
EARLY 1ST ROUNDER
LT
SAM QUACCIA
217 SCOUTING POINTS
LOSE 50% OF YOUR UNUSED POINTS EACH WEEK.
SCOUT PLAYER
10 SCOUTING POINTS
WT 309
HT 6'5"
AGE 22
COLLEGE AUBURN
TYPE PASS BLOCKER
TOP 3 SKILLS
B-
RUN BLOCK
10 POINTS
LOCKED
COMBINE REPORT
GRADE
VIEW THE COMBINE REPORT THREE WEEKS AFTER THE SUPER BOWL FOR 40 TIMES, BENCH PRESS, AND MORE.

Showing all three skills for the players you might be interested in is nice, but it’s important to use your scouting points for only one skill at the start before re-evaluating. Unlocking the first skill might show you a skill that your roster is not lacking… yet. There’s always the possibility that you may need it later, but you just cannot know that until the time comes. Taking your time each week and evaluating the pool in a wide spread is always wise.

TEAM 4

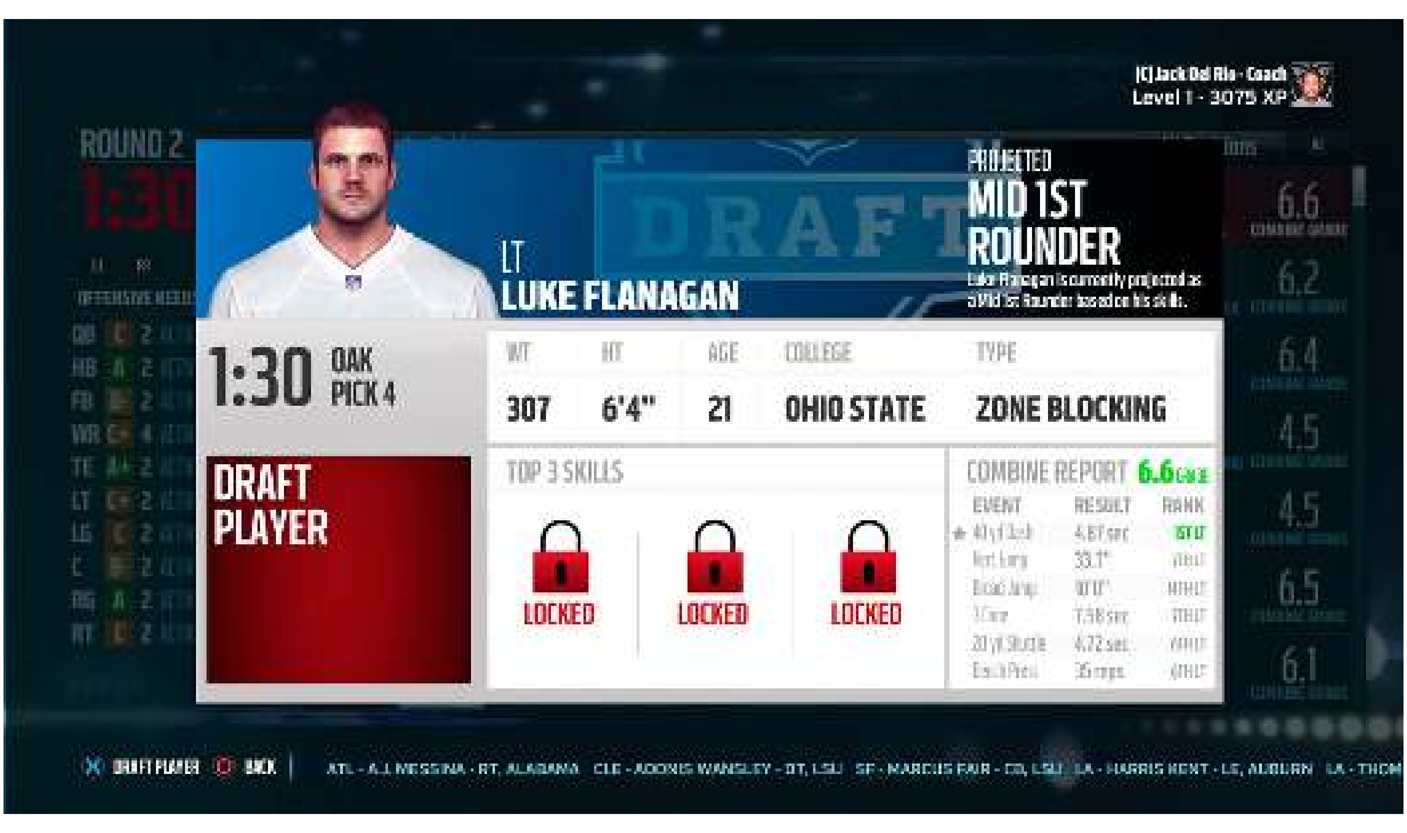
CONSISTENCY IS KEY


Level 1 - 3075 XP
TALENT
PROJECTED
EARLY 1ST ROUNDER
WR
WATTS FAVORS
1:52 PHI PICK 2
DRAFT PLAYER
WT 209
HT 5'11"
AGE 21
COLLEGE AUBURN
TYPE SPEED
TOP 3 SKILLS
B+ CTH IN TRAFFIC
B SPEC CATCH
B RELEASE
COMBINE REPORT 7.5 GRADE
EVENT RESULT RANK
40 yd Dash 4.35 sec 1ST WR
Vert Jump 38.5" 14TH WR
Broad Jump 10'2" 9TH WR
3 Cone 6.79 sec 7TH WR
20 yd Shuttle 4.01 sec 7TH WR
Bench Press 19 reps 2ND WR

Use your points each week if you don’t want to lose them. Coaches have some excellent perks for scouting, but they mean nothing unless you use their points each week. The best strategy for the next season is to start thinking about it this season. Yes, you want to make your current season your primary focus, but neglecting the future can create some serious problems.

TEAM 3

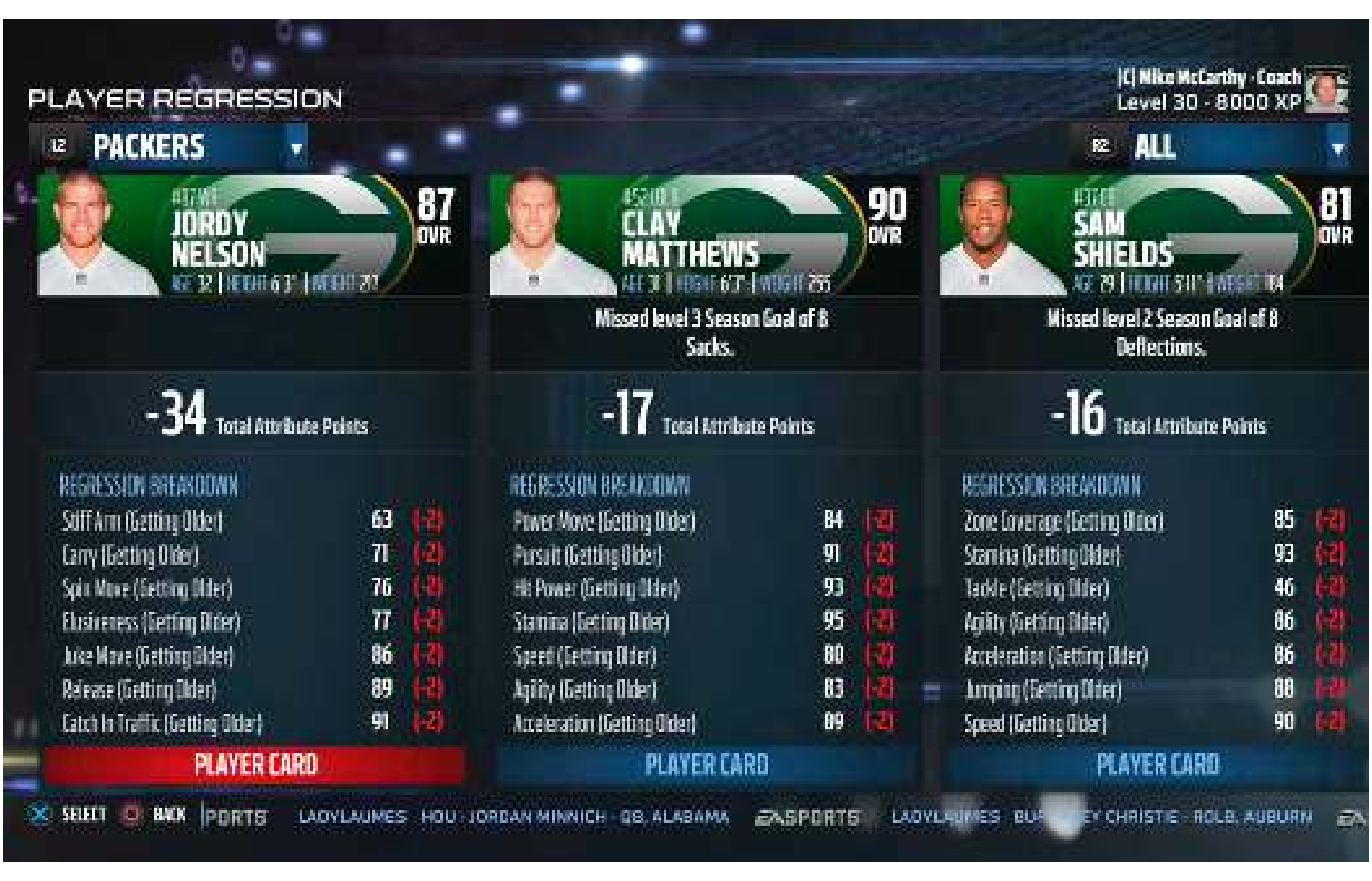
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COMBINE


[C] Jack Del Rio - Coach
Level 1 - 3075 XP
ROUND 2
1:30 OAK PICK 4
PROJECTED
MID 1ST ROUNDER
LT
LUKE FLANAGAN
DRAFT PLAYER
307
6'4"
21
OHIO STATE
ZONE BLOCKING
TOP 3 SKILLS
LOCKED
LOCKED
LOCKED
COMBINE REPORT 6.6
DRAFT PLAYER
BACK

The Combine is one of the features of the draft that can show you what a player can really do. Picking the right players for the job and those who fit the holes in your roster is more important than anything, but sometimes a player with raw talent can fill any gap or at least make what you already have even better. The Combine doesn’t happen until a few weeks after the Super Bowl, so you have plenty of time to do your scouting and figure out exactly what you’re looking for. Often this event shows you what sort of bonus skills you might get out of these players and could sway your decision on a close call between a few options.

TEAM 2

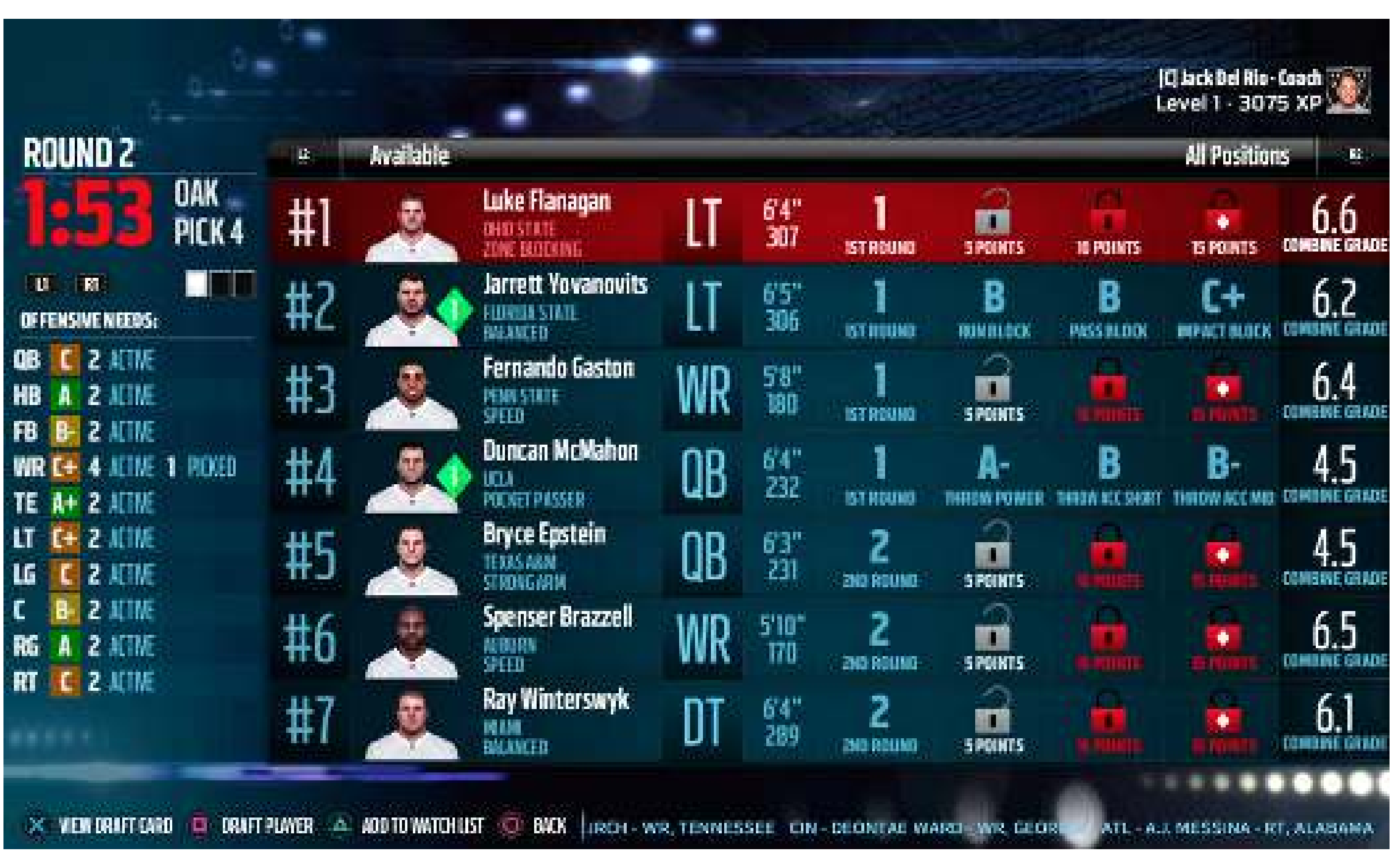
FIT YOUR SCHEME


PLAYER REGRESSION
[C] Mike McCarthy - Coach
Level 30 - 8000 XP
PACKERS
ALL
JORDY NELSON 87
CLAY MATTHEWS 90
SAM SHIELDS 81
-34 Total Attribute Points
-17 Total Attribute Points
-16 Total Attribute Points
REGRESSION BREAKDOWN
Stiff Arm (Getting Older) 63 (-2)
Carry (Getting Older) 71 (-2)
Spin Move (Getting Older) 76 (-2)
Elusiveness (Getting Older) 77 (-2)
Juke Move (Getting Older) 86 (-2)
Release (Getting Older) 89 (-2)
Catch In Traffic (Getting Older) 91 (-2)
Power Move (Getting Older) 84 (-2)
Pursuit (Getting Older) 91 (-2)
Hit Power (Getting Older) 93 (-2)
Stamina (Getting Older) 95 (-2)
Speed (Getting Older) 80 (-2)
Agility (Getting Older) 83 (-2)
Acceleration (Getting Older) 89 (-2)
Zone Coverage (Getting Older) 85 (-2)
Stamina (Getting Older) 93 (-2)
Tackle (Getting Older) 46 (-2)
Agility (Getting Older) 86 (-2)
Acceleration (Getting Older) 86 (-2)
Jumping (Getting Older) 88 (-2)
Speed (Getting Older) 90 (-2)
PLAYER CARD
PLAYER CARD
PLAYER CARD
SELECT
BACK

You never know exactly how a player will perform throughout his first season in the league, which can make choosing your draft picks rather difficult. What you do know is which scheme you want to set up for next season or the one you have already established and want to build upon. Often you are forced to make a decision on two or more different players with a comparable Overall rating, but with slightly different skill sets. Choose the guy who best fits your scheme because this is, after all, a team sport; your team working well as a whole has far more value than focusing on a rookie and trying to turn him into a superstar.

TEAM 1

ORGANIZE YOUR DRAFT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Level 1 - 3075 XP
ROUND 2
1:53 OAK PICK 4
Available
All Positions
#1 Luke Flanagan LT 6'4" 307 6.6
#2 Jarrett Yovanovits LT 6.2
#3 Fernando Gaston WR 6.4
#4 Duncan McMahon QB 6'4" 232 1 A- B B- 4.5
#5 Bryce Epstein QB 6'3" 231 2 4.5
#6 Spenser Brazzell WR 5'10" 170 2 6.5
#7 Ray Winterswyk DT 6'4" 289 2 6.1
VIEW DRAFT CARD
DRAFT PLAYER
ADD TO WATCH LIST
BACK

The draft can be overwhelming and stress out even the calmest players. There’s a lot to keep track of and missing out on a player you really needed but wasn’t at the forefront of your mind can be extremely discouraging. Tag the players you want and make sure you can find them quickly and snag them as fast as you can. You’re on a timer, so being prepared before your turn comes around again is where the tag feature really comes into play. If you can get to your tagged players, making the decision to take them should be easy. Having a plan and staying organized is at the top of this list because no matter how much planning and preparing you do, if you’re not organized and run out of time on your turn, your planning has all just been for nothing. You must do your homeworkw if you’re planning to take your team all the way next season.

Chicago Bears

GAMEPLAY RATING 79

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 79
Offense: 79
Defense: 81
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Base 3-4
Strengths: LOLB, WR, MLB
Weaknesses: FB, LT, SS, RE

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

4th NFC North (6-10-0)
Passing Offense: 23rd
Rushing Offense: 11th
Passing Defense: 4th
Rushing Defense: 22nd

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Jay Cutler: 3,659
Rushing: Matt Forte: 898
Receiving: Alshon Jeffery: 807
Tackles: Christian Jones: 86
Sacks: Lamarr Houston: 8
INTS: Kyle Fuller: 2

KEY ADDITIONS

LG Manny Ramirez
HB Jacquizz Rodgers

KEY ROOKIES

WR Daniel Braverman
SS Deon Bush
CB2 Deiondre' Hall
FS DeAndre Houston-Carson
RG Cody Whitehair

COACH

John Fox
Level: 18
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Base 3-4

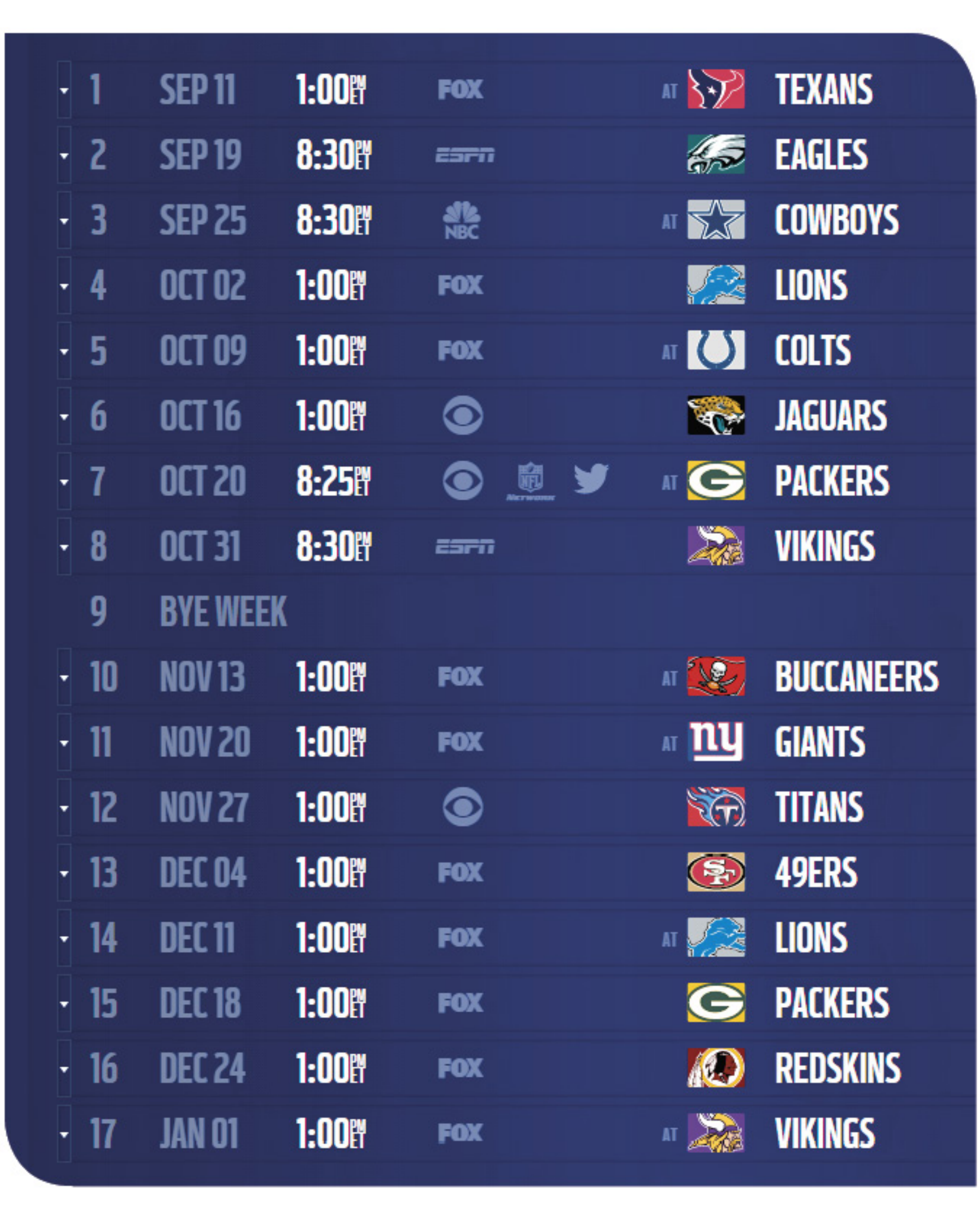
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- With plenty of additions to the offensive line, the team looks to protect QB Jay Cutler even more than last season. Because of the drop in the Offensive rating for his team, Cutler will need all of the protection he can get in order to make plays.
- HB Jeremy Langford has stepped into the role of HB for this year and will make a great addition to the Bears' offense. With a young new running back on the field, his speed and agility will be a great asset to the team's rushing game.
- As one of the best receivers Chicago has ever had, WR Alshon Jeffery has made his home in the offensive leadership. His speed and strength make him an easy go-to receiver as long as he can stay healthy.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

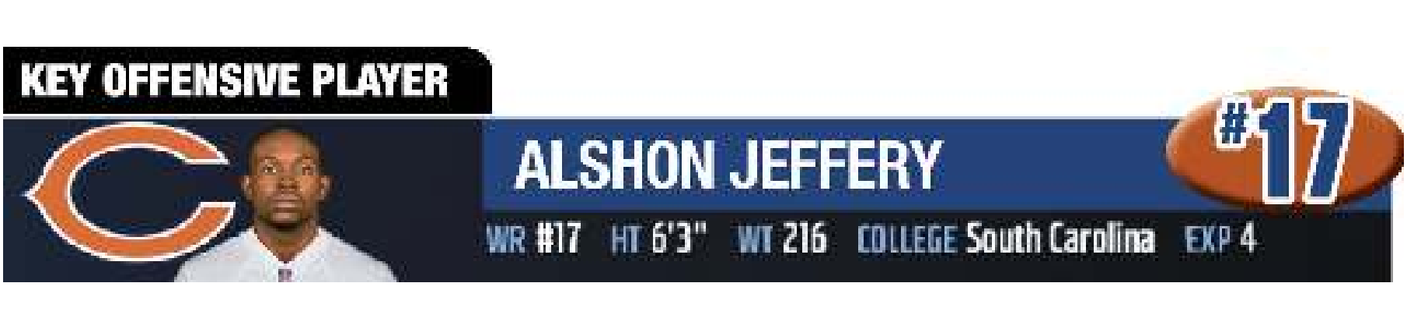
- The addition of rookies SS Deon Bush and FS Deandre Houston-Carson will help the backfield to an extreme level. As the team continues to load up their pass coverage, these rookies should continue to grow and support their veteran leadership.
- Keeping MLB Danny Trevathan as the central LB leader, he will continue to keep your defense together. Because of the 3-4 scheme, having the #6 ranked MLB in the league at the core of your backfield will make any QB hesitant to pass.
- With the young new defenders coming in this year, veterans like LOLB Pernell McPhee will need to continue controlling the edge, but the newer 3-4 defense should help with that. Keep McPhee's confidence high and use his power to force some turnovers whenever possible.

SCHEDULE



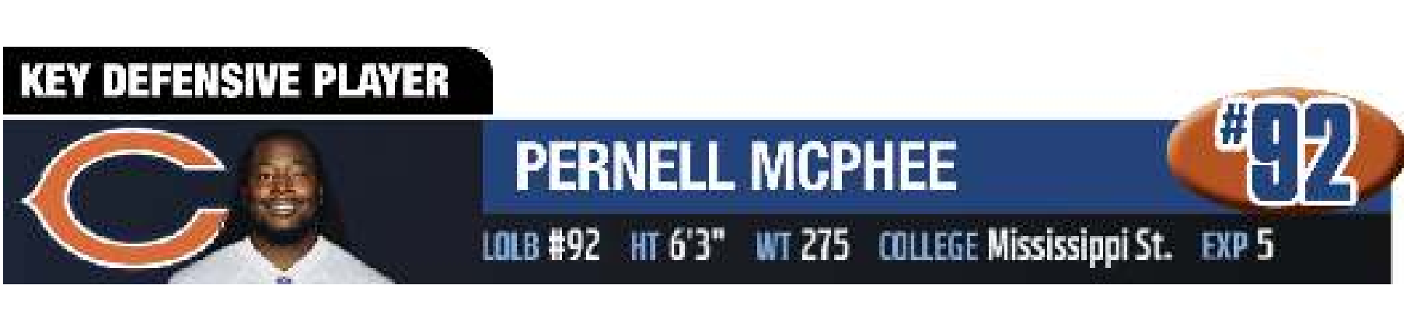
1	SEP 11	1:00PM ET	FOX	AT	TEXANS
2	SEP 19	8:30PM ET	ESPN		EAGLES
3	SEP 25	8:30PM ET	NBC	AT	COWBOYS
4	OCT 02	1:00PM ET	FOX		LIONS
5	OCT 09	1:00PM ET	FOX	AT	COLTS
6	OCT 16	1:00PM ET	CBS		JAGUARS
7	OCT 20	8:25PM ET	CBS NFL Network Twitter	AT	PACKERS
8	OCT 31	8:30PM ET	ESPN		VIKINGS
9	BYE WEEK				
10	NOV 13	1:00PM ET	FOX	AT	BUCCANEERS
11	NOV 20	1:00PM ET	FOX	AT	GIANTS
12	NOV 27	1:00PM ET	CBS		TITANS
13	DEC 04	1:00PM ET	FOX		49ERS
14	DEC 11	1:00PM ET	FOX	AT	LIONS
15	DEC 18	1:00PM ET	FOX		PACKERS
16	DEC 24	1:00PM ET	FOX		REDSKINS
17	JAN 01	1:00PM ET	FOX	AT	VIKINGS

KEY PLAYERS

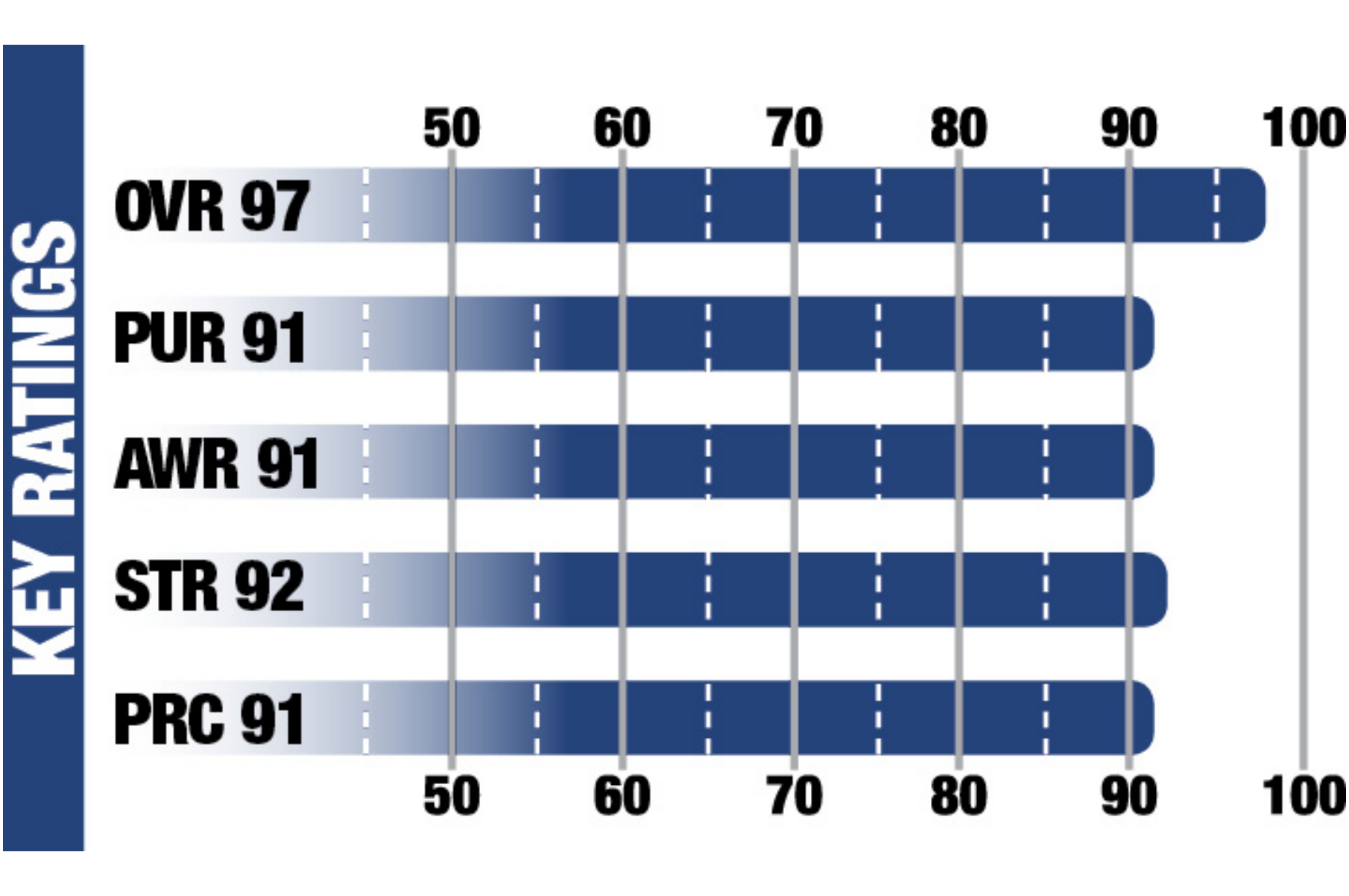


KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER
ALSHON JEFFERY #17
WR #17 HT 6'3" WT 216 COLLEGE South Carolina EXP 4

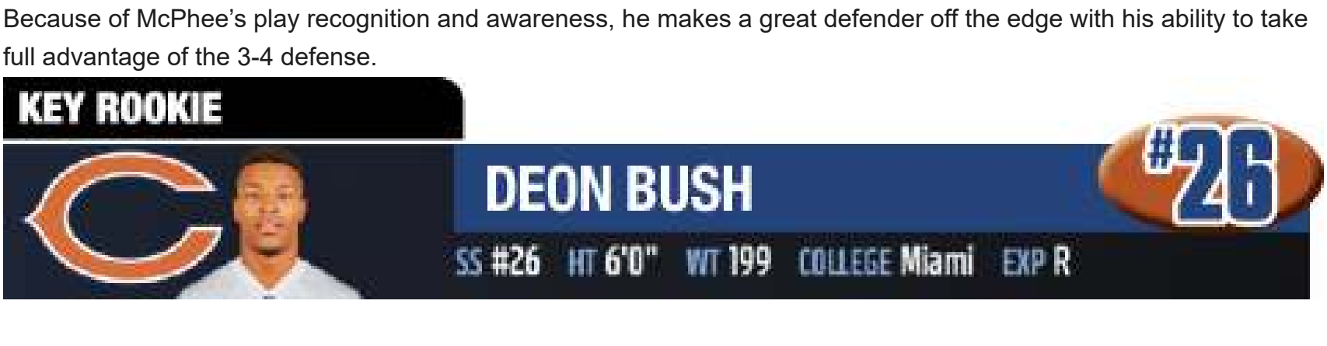
- Jeffery's speed will make him an open target most of the time while his skill and persistence will give him the advantage even when he's covered.
- Throwing to Jeffery in the end zone is always a great use of his skill, even in traffic.



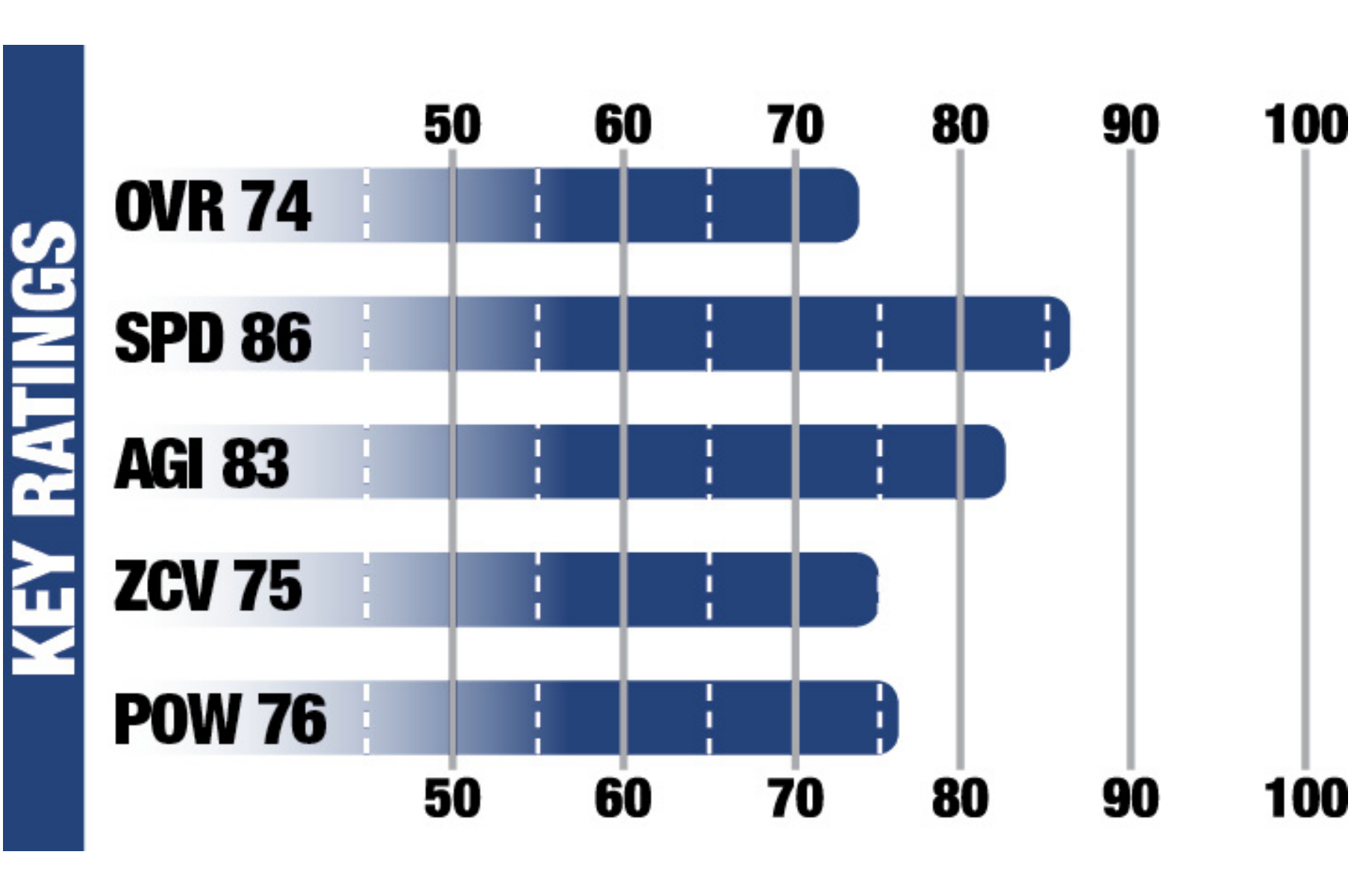
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER
PERNELL MCPHEE #92
LOLB #92 HT 6'3" WT 275 COLLEGE Mississippi St. EXP 5



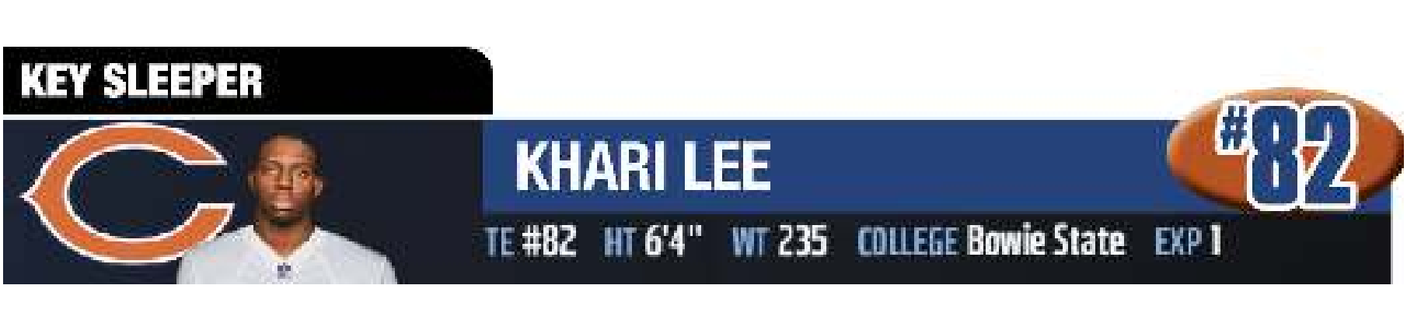
- McPhee's size and strength make most running games weaker. Use his strength to force turnovers at any possible moment.
- Because of McPhee's play recognition and awareness, he makes a great defender off the edge with his ability to take full advantage of the 3-4 defense.



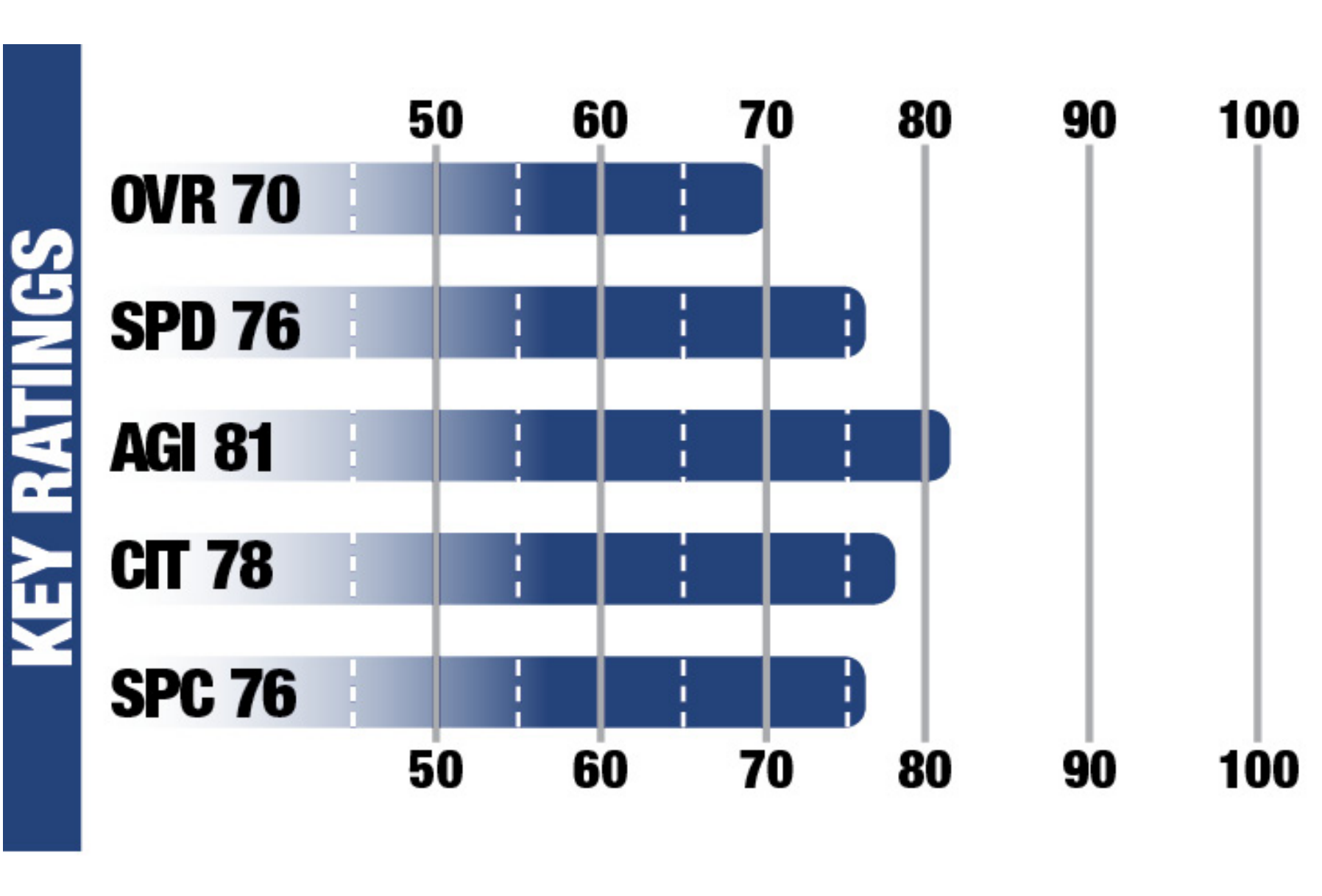
KEY ROOKIE
DEON BUSH #26
SS #26 HT 6'0" WT 199 COLLEGE Miami EXP R



- With the loss of Ryan Mundy and Antrel Rolle, someone needs to fill the back field with speed and agility, and Bush is the guy for the job.
- Bush's zone coverage and agility will help him fit right in with the Bears' defensive scheme. He will learn and gain experience quickly.



KEY SLEEPER
KHARI LEE #82
TE #82 HT 6'4" WT 235 COLLEGE Bowie State EXP 1



- Khari Lee's Overall rating is average, but his speed and agility are both deceptively high, giving him an edge on man-to-man defense.
- Zach Miller is rated higher in all of the same categories where Lee excels, but when Miller is out Lee can serve as an excellent backup and may even surprise you with his performance.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Jay	Cutler	80
QB	Brian	Hoyer	73
QB	David	Fales	63
HB	Jeremy	Langford	76
HB	Jacquizz	Rodgers	75
HB	Ka'Deem	Carey	74
HB	Jordan	Howard	66
HB	Senorise	Perry	64
FB	Paul	Lasike	66
WR	Alshon	Jeffery	91
WR	Eddie	Royal	77
WR	Kevin	White	74
WR	Marquess	Wilson	73
WR	Marc	Mariani	69
WR	Joshua	Bellamy	68
WR	Daniel	Braverman	65
WR	Cameron	Meredith	64
WR	Deonte	Thompson	64
TE	Zach	Miller	78
TE	Tony	Moeaki	71
TE	Rob	Housler	68
TE	Khari	Lee	67
TE	Joe	Sommers	63
TE	Greg	Scruggs	60
TE	Aaron	Brewer	53
TE	Patrick	Scales	48
LT	Nate	Chandler	73
LT	Charles	Leno Jr.	68
LT	Jason	Weaver	65
LG	Cody	Whitehair	69
LG	Ted	Larsen	67
C	Hroniss	Grasu	68
RG	Kyle	Long	79
RT	Bobby	Massie	75
RT	Martin	Wallace	67
RT	Nick	Becton	65

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

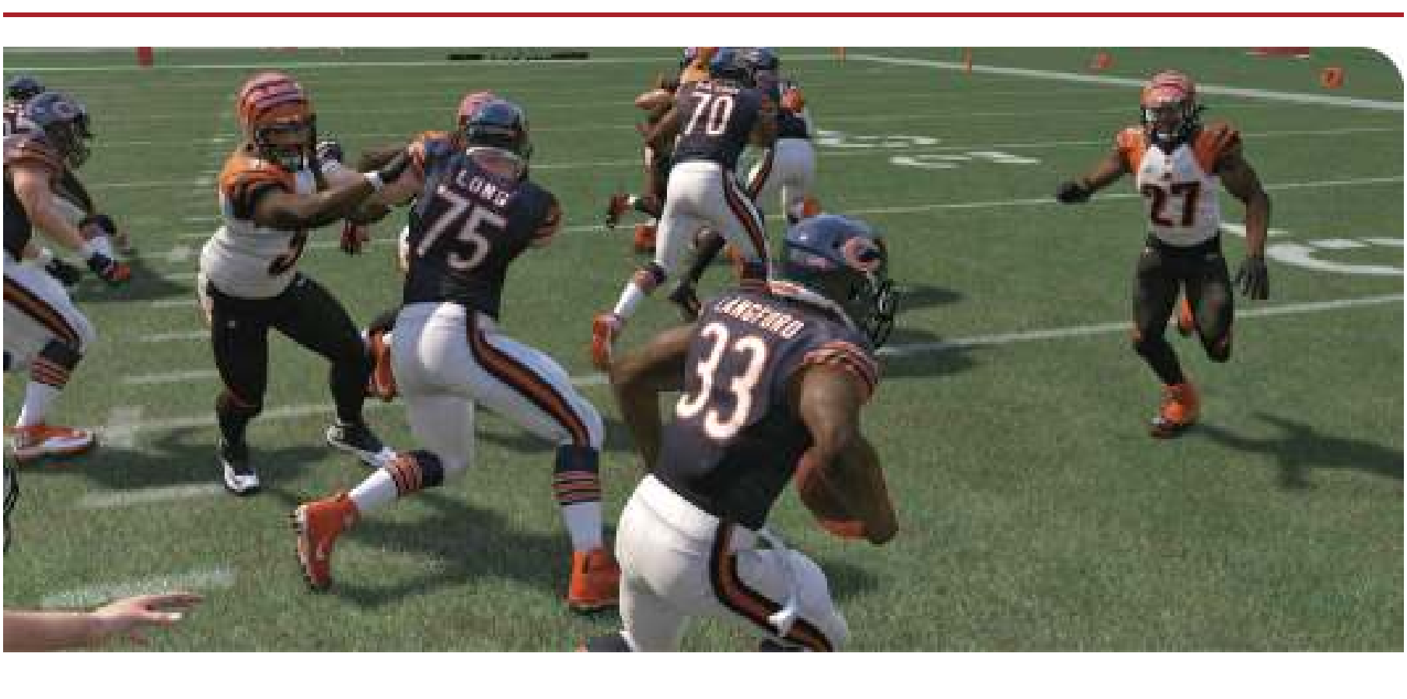
POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Akiem	Hicks	78
LE	Will	Sutton	65
LE	Cornelius	Washington	64
LE	Roy	Robertson-Harris	61
DT	Eddie	Goldman	76
DT	Kenton	Adeyemi	60
RE	Jonathan	Bullard	68
RE	Mitch	Unrein	68
RE	Ego	Ferguson	67
LOLB	Pernell	McPhee	92
LOLB	Willie	Young	82
MLB	Jerrell	Freeman	86
MLB	Danny	Trevathan	85
MLB	Christian	Jones	72
MLB	Jonathan	Anderson	66
MLB	John	Timu	66
MLB	Lamin	Barrow	64
MLB	Nick	Kwiatkoski	64
ROLB	Lamarr	Houston	81
ROLB	Sam	Acho	76
ROLB	Leonard	Floyd	76
CB	Kyle	Fuller	80
CB	Tracy	Porter	72
CB	Bryce	Callahan	69
CB	Sherrick	McManis	69
CB	Deiondre'	Hall	64
CB	Taveze	Calhoun	62
CB	Jacoby	Glenn	62
CB	Kevin	Peterson	61
FS	Adrian	Amos	77
FS	Omar	Bolden	71
FS	Harold	Jones-Quartey	71
FS	DeAndre	Houston-Carson	68
SS	Chris	Prosinski	69
SS	Deon	Bush	68
SS	Demontre	Hurst	63

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Robbie	Gould	79
P	Pat	O'Donnell	80

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK JUMBO – HB STRETCH



RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Normal Offset - Inside Zone	Gun Split Panther - Inside Zone Split	I Form Twin TE - HB Stretch	Goal Line - HB Sting	I Form H Tight - HB Stretch	Gun Stack Offset Wk - Outside Zone
Gun Normal Deep Offset Wk - Inside Zone Split	Gun Spread HB Wk - Outside Zone	I Form Twin TE - Iso	Goal Line - HB Toss	I Form H Tight - HB Blast	Gun Stack Offset Wk - HB Draw
I Form Pro - Stretch	Gun Spread HB Wk - Inside Zone	I Form Twin TE - Power O	Goal Line - FB Dive	Gun Split Panther - Read Option	Gun Trips Y-Flex Tight - Outside Zone

BEST PASS: GUN BUNCH OFFSET – PA READ

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Bunch Open Offset – Flood	Gun Spread HB Wk – PA Read	Gun Split Panther – Curl Flats	Gun Trips Y-Flex Tight – PA Shot Crossers	Gun Normal Offset – PA SE Screen	Gun Trips Y-Flex Tight – PA Bubble
Gun Bunch Open Offset – Y Trail	Gun Trips TE Offset – PA Shot Crossers	Gun Split Panther – Slants	Gun Bunch Offset – Verts HB Under	Gun Wing Deep Offset – PA Bubble Y Pop	Gun Trips Y-Flex Tight – Verticals
Gun Bunch Offset – PA Read	Gun Stack Offset Wk – Curl Switch	Gun Spread HB Wk – Quick Slants	Gun Split Panther – PA Flood	Gun Wing Deep Offset – Four Verticals	—

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 3-4 BEAR – PINCH MIKE 0

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch	3-4 Under – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Bear – Pinch Mike 0	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel 2-4- 5 – Cover 2 Man	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Mike Blitz 0
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	3-4 Under – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel 2-4- 5 – Tampa 2	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Tampa 2

BEST PASS D: BIG DIME 2-3-6 WILL – COVER 4 DROP

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 2 Man	3-4 Even – Tampa 2	3-4 Bear – Cover 1 Hole	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 2 Sink	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 2 Man
34 Odd – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Even – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 3 Buzz

Cincinnati Bengals

GAMEPLAY RATING 79

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 85
Offense: 91
Defense: 85
Offensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Defensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Strengths: DT, WR, LT
Weaknesses: SS, FB, C

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

1st ACF North (12-4-0)
Passing Offense: 15th
Rushing Offense: 13th
Passing Defense: 20th
Rushing Defense: 7th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Andy Dalton: 3250
Rushing: Jeremy Hill: 794
Receiving: A.J. Green: 1297
Tackles: Vincent Rey: 98
Sacks: Carlos Dunlap: 13.5
INTS: Reggie Nelson: 8

KEY ADDITIONS

WR Brandon LaFell
SS Taylor Mays

KEY ROOKIES

CB William Jackson III
WR Tyler Boyd
DT Andrew Billings
CHB Giovani Bernard

COACH

Marvin Lewis
Level: 18
Offensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Defensive Scheme: Balanced Offense

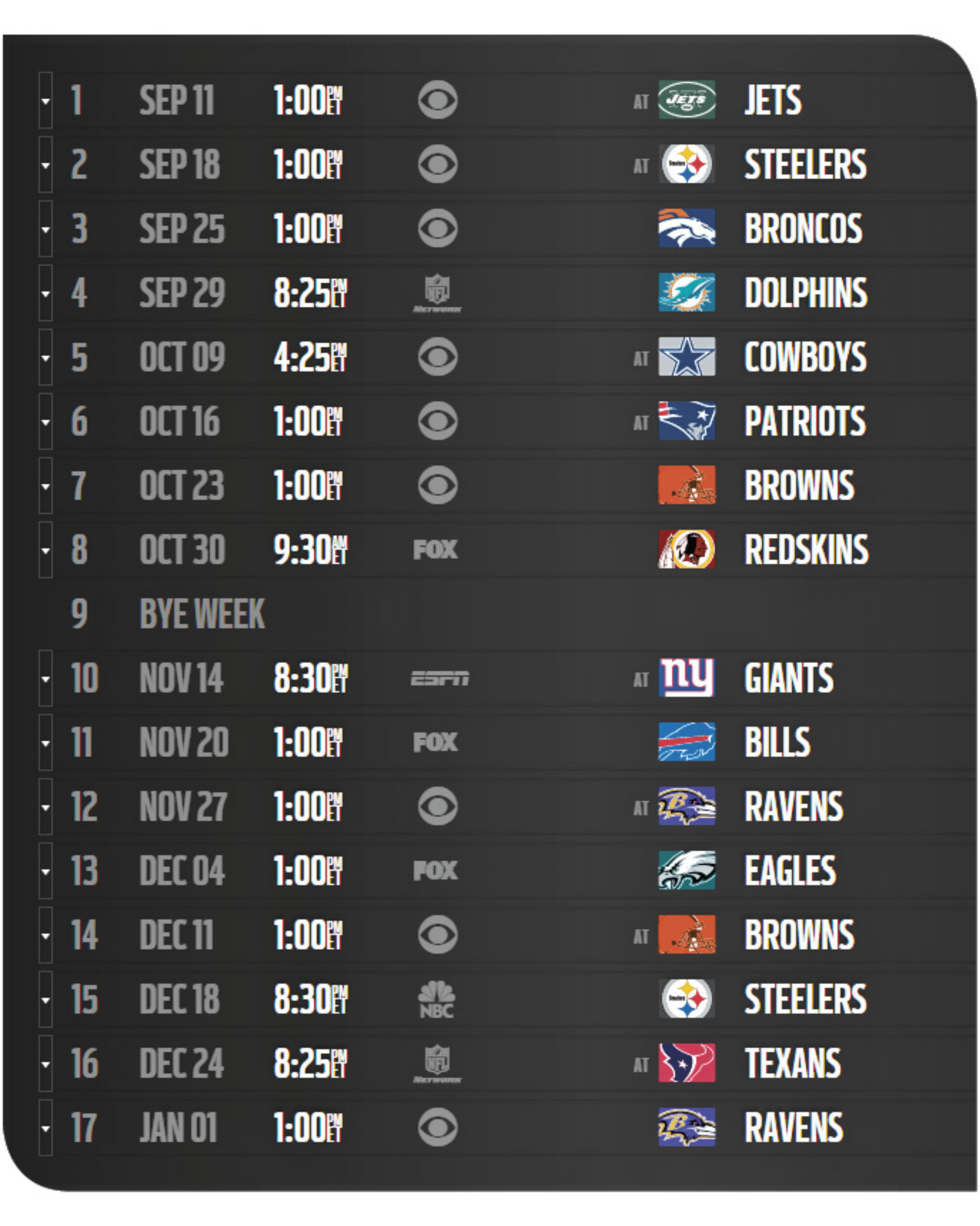
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Last season QB Andy Dalton was ranked 35th-best player in the NFL by his peers and because of his stellar performance throughout the season, he is expected to only get better. After seeing what he could do in the postseason, it's not a surprise that his Overall rank has been so tremendously upgraded.
- Even though the passing game was strong last season, WR A.J. Green is still by far the best receiver without much back up on the field. It will be interesting to see if the top defenses find an easy way to stop the Bengals' passing game.
- With TE Tyler Eifert's grand performance last year, this season shows tremendous promise for the young TE. Eifert has plenty of years left in his career with this fast growing Bengals team, and there's no doubt that this season will be strong for him.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Even though safeties are not the team's strong suit, they have picked up a few rookies who may be able to help them out. The Bengals might not be able to do much this season, but in your hands you can send some XP their way to make the difference.
- DT Geno Atkins made some major improvements last year and he's coming off of a hot streak. It may be crucial for him to have a good season and we think he will.
- Depth is not what comes to mind when you consider the Bengals; however, they have some very good players. Use this to your advantage when making big decisions this year and make sure you keep your star players in the light.

SCHEDULE



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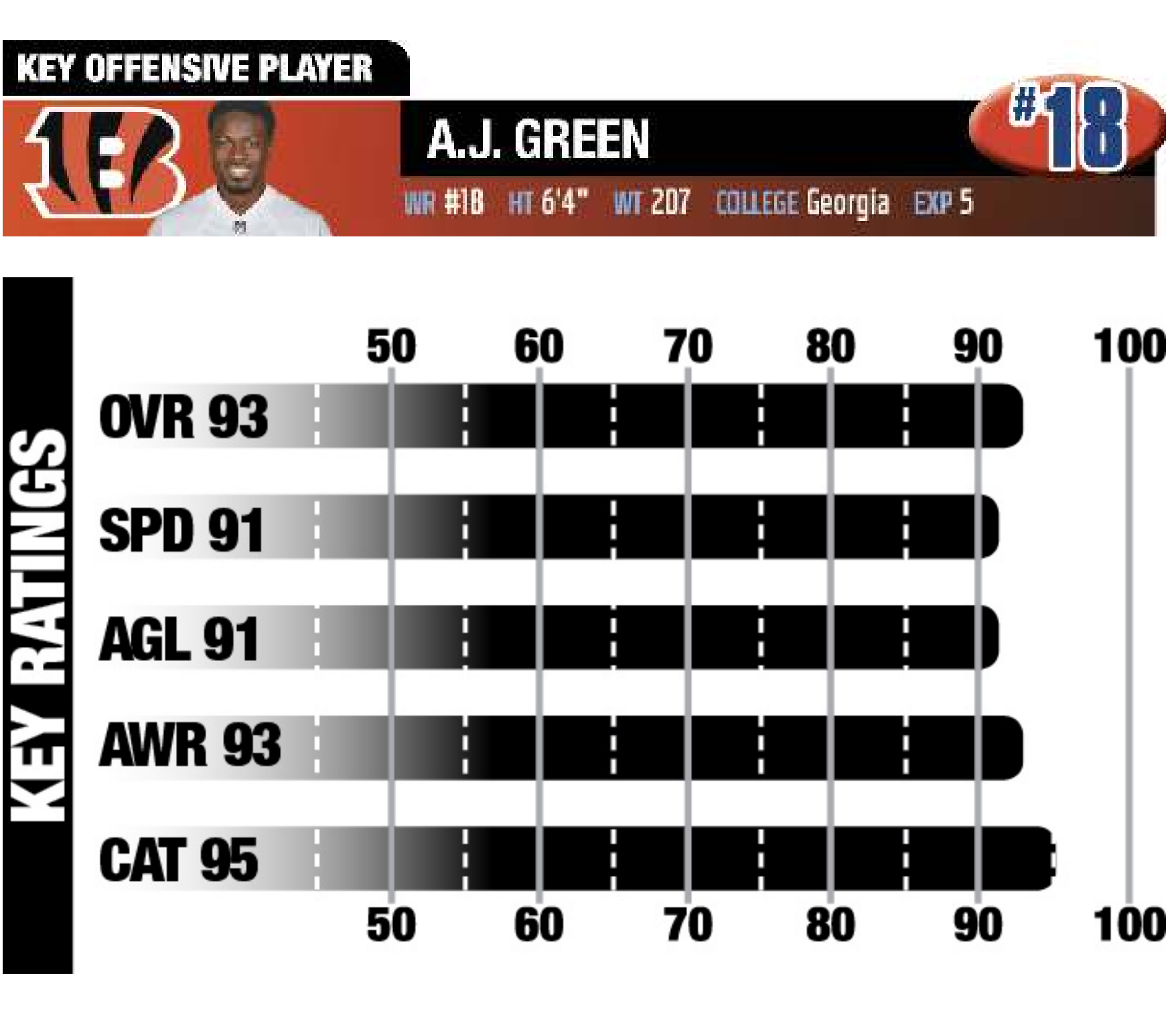
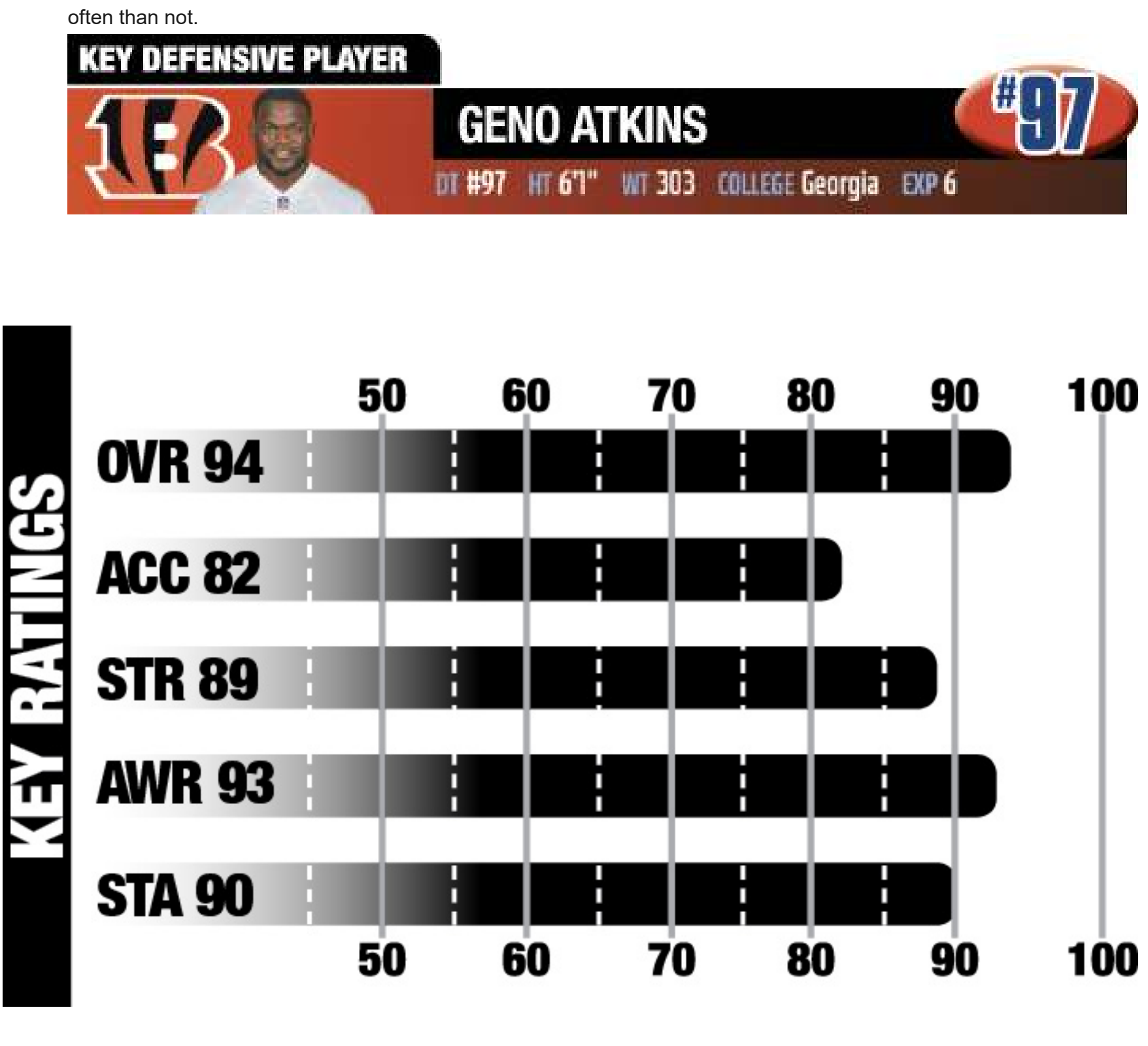
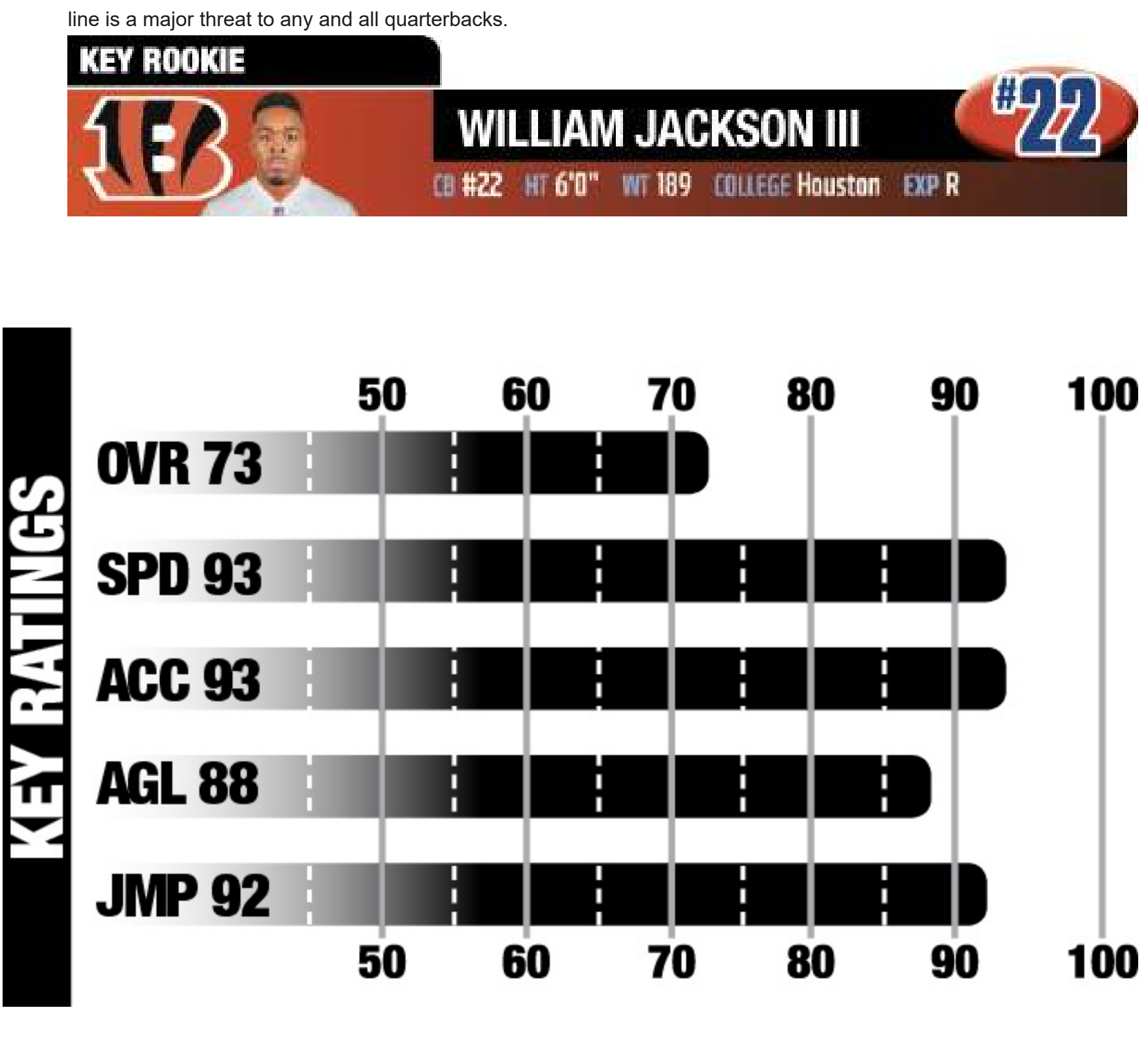
KEY PLAYERS



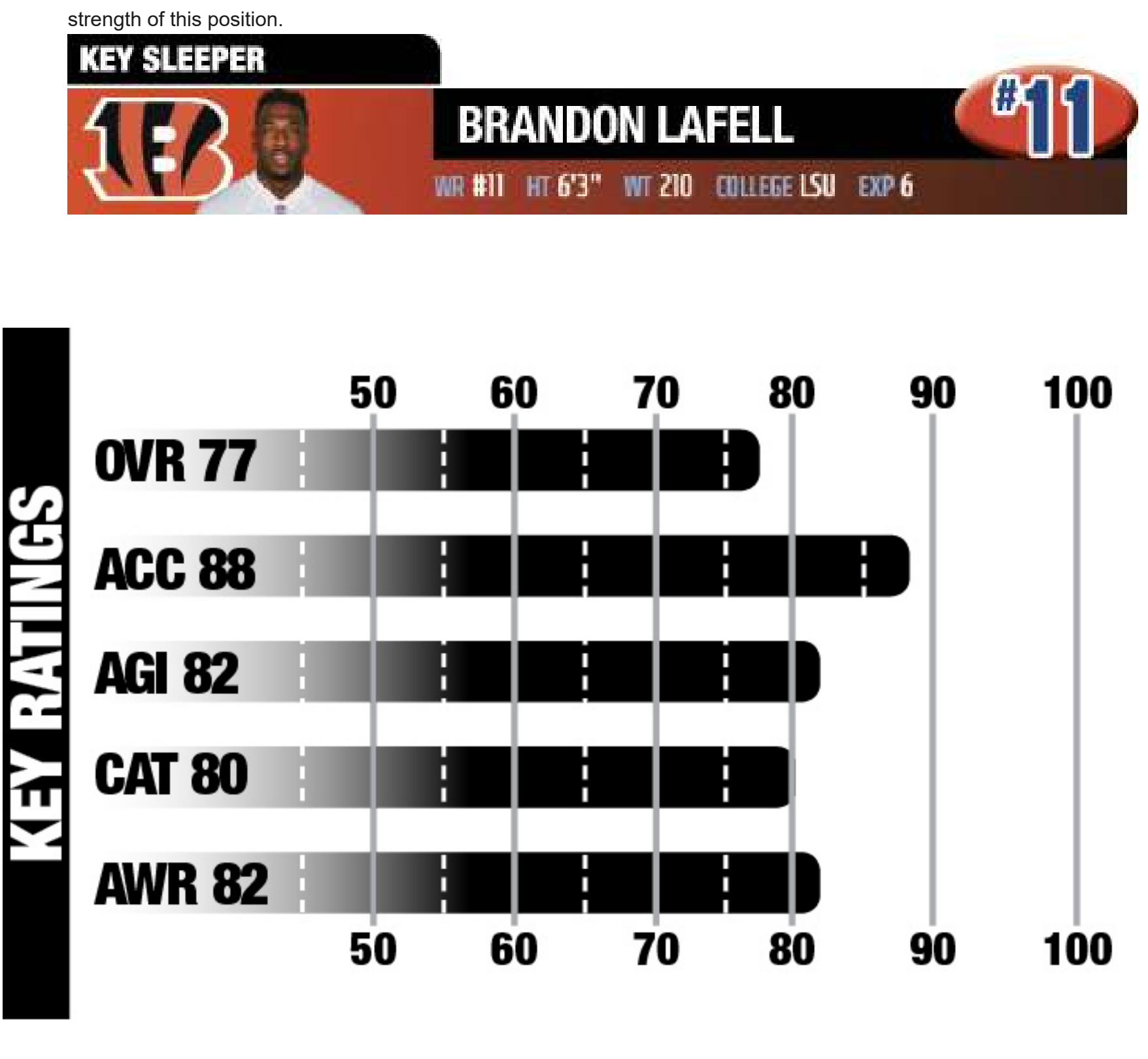
- Overall, Green's stats have increased and he continues to be the best WR on the field. Due to the lack of depth on the bench, expect Green to be the go-to receiver.
- Green has a high Awareness rating and will almost always catch the ball if it's thrown to him. He should be open more often than not.



- With a combined 42 tackles, 11 sacks, and a forced fumble, Atkins had a great season and is expected to have another. With the ability to find his gaps and break through the line, Atkins will more than likely improve these statistics this season.
- He may not be the fastest player on the field, but he can reach his top speed rather quickly. Atkins' acceleration off the line is a major threat to any and all quarterbacks.



- The Bengals need some help on defense if they want to compete for the championship this season, and picking up William Jackson should strengthen their pass defense. He's young and has a great deal of speed underneath him, which should translate to great man coverage.
- Focusing on rebuilding the CB position is a great idea, even if there are a few good players still holding onto the strength of this position.



- LaFell is a great player and has enough experience in the league to be a great asset for this team.
- The Bengals have been lacking depth in their WR game, but the addition of Brandon LaFell should be a great way to deepen the bench.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Andy	Dalton	87
QB	A.J.	McCarron	73
QB	Keith	Wenning	63
QB	Joe	Licata	61
HB	Giovani	Bernard	85
HB	Jeremy	Hill	81
HB	Rex	Burkhead	71
HB	Cedric	Peerman	71
HB	Tra	Carson	62
WR	A.J.	Green	93
WR	Brandon	LaFell	77
WR	Brandon	Tate	71
WR	Tyler	Boyd	70
WR	Cody	Core	65
WR	James	Wright	63
WR	Alonzo	Russell	62
WR	Mario	Alford	59
WR	Antwane	Grant	59
TE	Tyler	Eifert	90
TE	Tyler	Kroft	71
TE	C.J.	Uzomah	66
TE	Clark	Harris	65
LG	Clint	Boling	80
LG	Christian	Westerman	65
LG	Alex	Cooper	59
LT	Andrew	Whitworth	93
LT	Cedric	Ogbuehi	74
LG	Clint	Boling	80
LG	Christian	Westerman	65
LG	Alex	Cooper	59
C	Russell	Bodine	69
C	T.J.	Johnson	67
C	Alex	Redmond	57
RT	Eric	Winston	75
RT	Jake	Fisher	74
RT	Aaron	Epps	62

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Carlos	Dunlap	87
LE	Margus	Hunt	65
LE	Ryan	Brown	59
DT	Geno	Atkins	94
DT	Domata	Peko	73
DT	Pat	Sims	72
DT	Andrew	Billings	67
DT	Brandon	Thompson	67
DT	David	Dean	60
DT	Marcus	Hardison	60
RE	Michael	Johnson	79
RE	Will	Clarke	67
LOLB	Karlos	Dansby	83
LOLB	Jayson	DiManche	67
LOLB	Trevor	Roach	61
MLB	Rey	Maualuga	84
MLB	Vincent	Rey	75
MLB	Nick	Vigil	65
ROLB	Vontaze	Burfict	88
ROLB	P.J.	Dawson	71
ROLB	Marquis	Flowers	63
ROLB	Darien	Harris	62
CB	Adam	Jones	88
CB	Darqueze	Dennard	75
CB	Dre	Kirkpatrick	75
CB	William	Jackson III	73
CB	Chykie	Brown	70
CB	Josh	Shaw	70
FS	George	Iloka	84
FS	Derron	Smith	67
SS	Shawn	Williams	75
SS	Clayton	Fejedelem	65
SS	Taylor	Mays	64

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Mike	Nugent	80
K	Zach	Hocker	69
P	Kevin	Huber	77

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN : STRONG CLOSE – QUICK TOSS

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Trio – Outside Zone	Weak Pro Twins – Toss Weak	Weak Pro Twins – FB Dive	I Form Tight Pair – Bengals Power G	I Form Tight Pair – Counter Wk	Gun Bunch Wk – HB Base
Gun Split Slot – HB Off Tackle	Pistol Strong Twins – HB Power O	Gun Trio – Inside Zone	I Form Tight Pair – FB Dive	Singleback Y Trips – HB Toss Strong	Gun Bunch Wk – Counter Y
Strong Close – HB Dive	Gun Ace Twins Offset – Read Option	Gun Split Slot – FB Inside	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Normal Y Flex Tight – Quick Base	Gun Trips Y Iso – Inside Zone

BEST PASS : STRONG CLOSE – PA SCISSORS

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Split Slot – Corner Strike	Gun Normal Y Flex Tight – Curl Flats	Strong Close – Y Trail	Gun Ace Twins Offset – PA Verts Shot	Gun Split Slot – Slot Flood	Gun Trio – PA Slot Corner
Gun Ace Twins Offset – Bengals Sail	Strong Close – PA Scissors	Gun Ace Twins Offset – PA FL Screen	I Form Tight Pair – Post Shot	Gun Ace Twins Offset – Posts	Gun Normal Y Flex Tight – Four Verticals
Gun Bunch Wk – Inside Cross	Gun Split Slot – PA F Slide	Pistol Strong Twins – Double Flares	I Form Pro Twins – PA Draw Shot	Gun Bunch Wk – Bunch Trail	Gun Split Slot – PA Wheel Switch

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D : 43 NORMAL – OLB FIRE MAN

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Nickel Normal – Overload Blitz	43 Normal – Safety Blitz 3	43 Normal – OLB Fire Man	46 Normal – Inside Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 4	Nickel 335 – Nickel LB Blitz
43 Normal – LB Zone Blitz	46 Normal – Zone Blitz	Nickel Double A Gap – Mid Blitz	46 Normal - Rush Outside	Nickel 335 – Dogs All Go	Nickel Normal – Over Storm Brave

BEST PASS D: 43 NORMAL – COVER 9

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Nickel Normal – Buck Slant Show 2	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Hard Flat	43 Normal – Cover 9	43 Under – Mike Sam Crash Press	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Mable	Dime Normal – Cover 3 Buzz Match
Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Buster	Nickel 335 – Loop Crash 2	46 Normal – Cover 3 Match	43 Under – FS Fire 3	Nickel 335 – Cover 2 Man	Dime Normal – 3 Double Sky

GAMEPLAY RATING 82

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 82
Offense: 83
Defense: 83
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 304
Strengths: LT, HB, DT
Weaknesses: RT, MLB, LE

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

2nd ACF East (8-8-0)
Passing Offense: 28th
Rushing Offense: 1st
Passing Defense: 19th
Rushing Defense: 16th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Tyrod Taylor: 3,035
Rushing: LaSean McCoy: 895
Receiving: Sammy Watkins: 1,047
Tackles: Corey Graham: 127
Sacks: Jerry Hughes: 5
INTS: Stephon Gilmore: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

DE Leger Douzable
LB Jamari Lattimore
LB Zach Brown
WR Leonard Hankerson

KEY ROOKIES

QB Cardale Jones
DE Shaq Lawson
LB Reggie Ragland

COACH

Rex Ryan
Level: 12
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Base 3-4

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Bills were a little quiet when it came to gathering free agents during the offseason, but they did spend time focusing on players that they wanted to keep around like Cordy Clenn and Richie Incognito. This will keep their O-Line strong while they train up their rookies that will be starting in key positions this year.
- Last season, the Bills' running game was the best in the league and there's no reason to expect much less this season. With a deep bench for HBs, the Bills should run the ball whenever possible. It's important to note that they did some rebuilding of their WR depth, but that might just be a safety precaution for now.
- Picking up WR Leonard Hankerson should prove to be a somewhat successful move on the part of the Bills. Last season with the Atlanta Falcons was not his best effort, but his experience in the league matched with his speed may be exactly what Buffalo is looking for.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- After the loss of CB Leodis McKelvin and CB Ron Brooks, the Bill needed to do something about their back field. Doing so, they picked up the veteran Sterling Moore and free agent Corey White, which severely upgraded their CB roster. The replacements should prove useful.
- FS Corey Graham has the speed and agility to hold the zone defense, but it's not certain that he will be enough to keep the defense sufficiently strong to take the Bills all the way this year. Defense wins games and the Bills took quite a hit in the offseason.
- The offseason has shown great results for LB Preston Brown and he will be a threat to any offense once he hits his stride. He's young and has plenty to learn, but there's no doubt that he will be a star soon.

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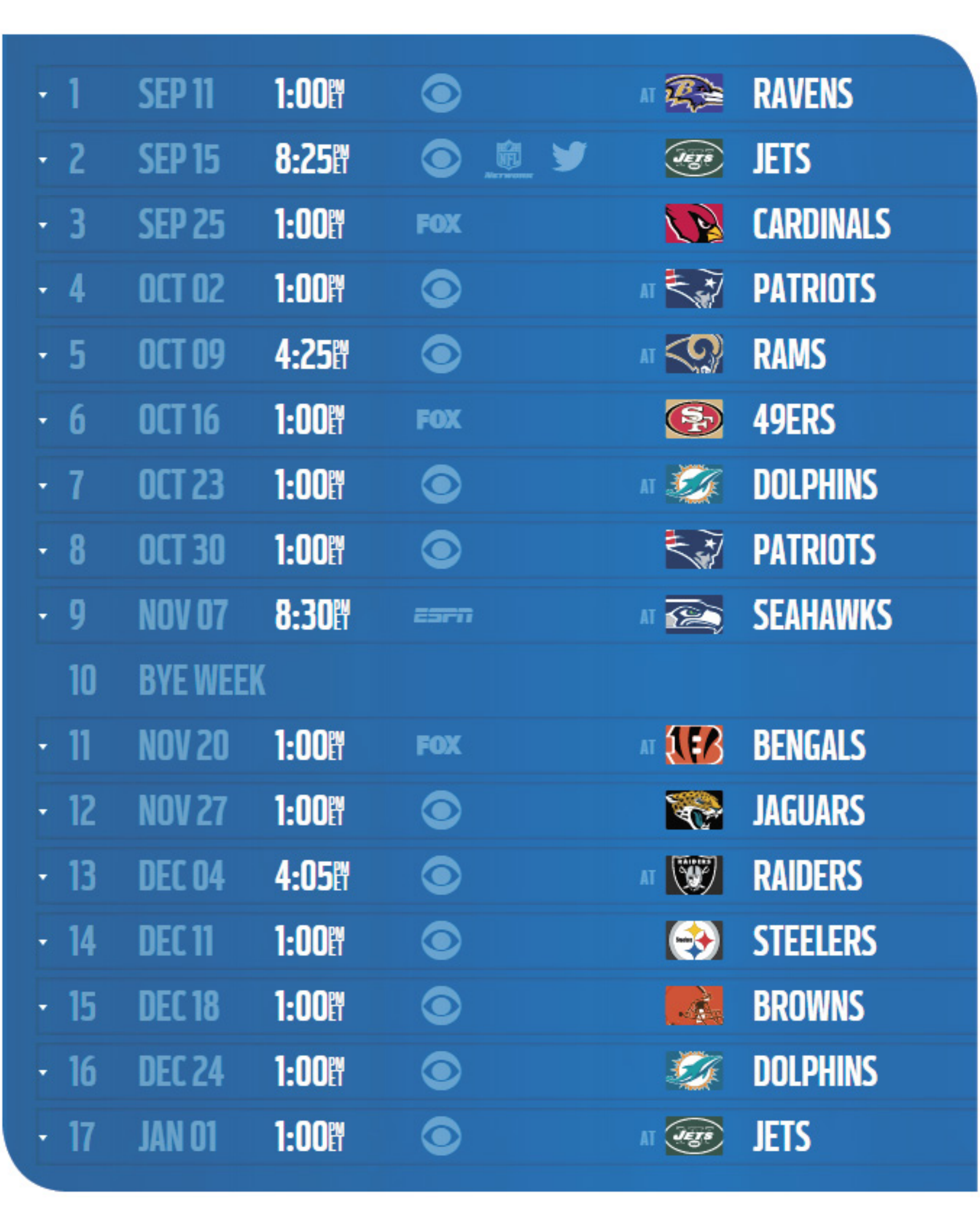

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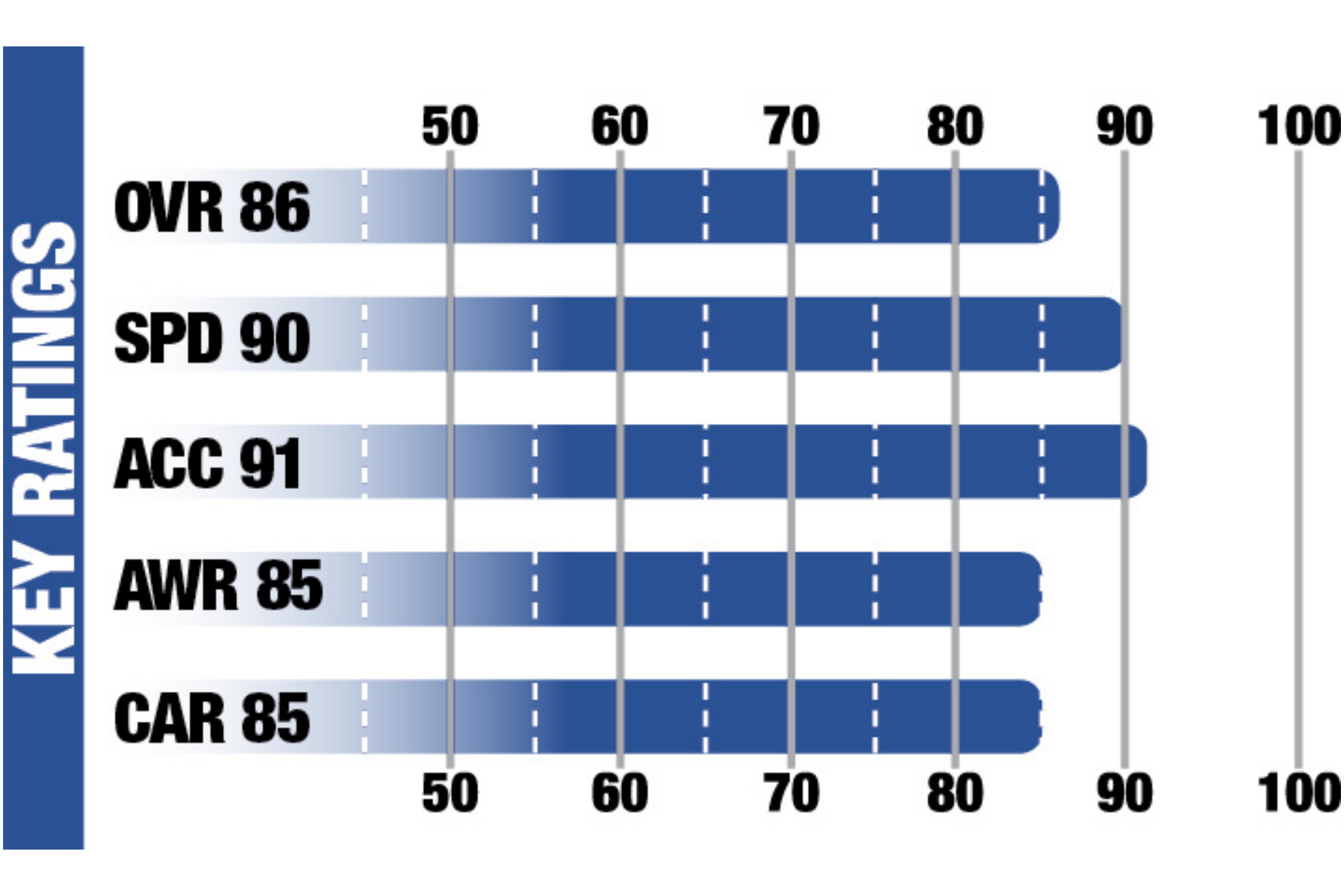
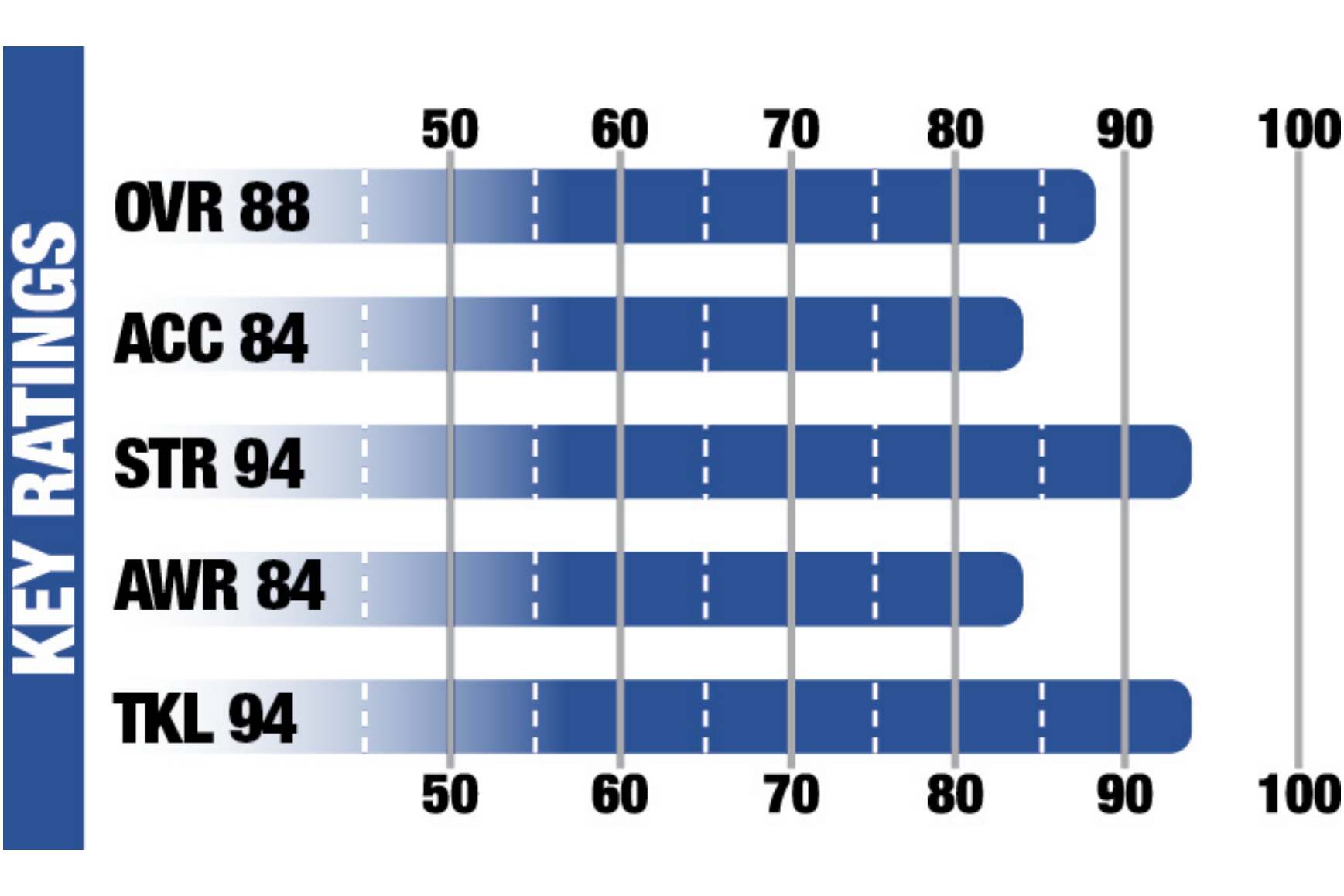
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER
LESEAN MCCOY #25
HB #25 HT 5'11" WT 208 DT Starter EXP 7

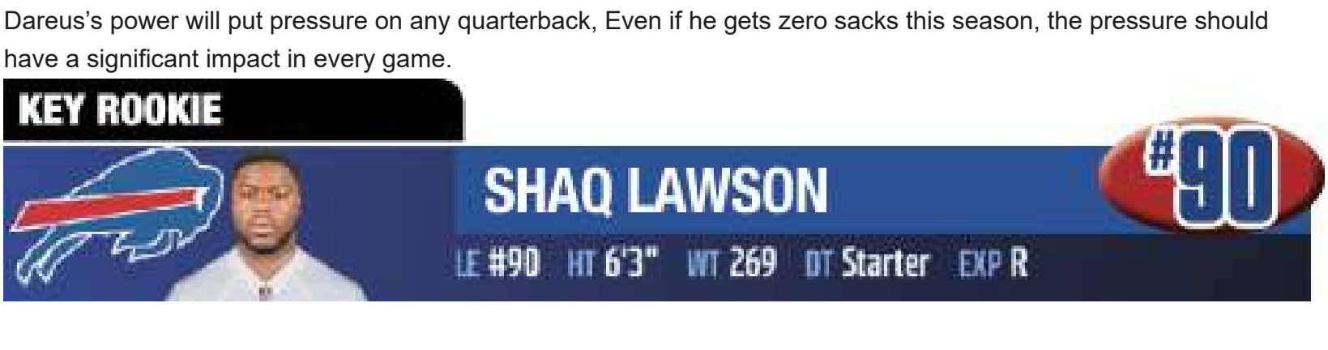


- LeSean McCoy was the major element to the Bills' running game success and will continue to improve this year. McCoy is in his prime and will be for at least another year or two.
- If the defense is not careful and doesn't contain the edge, McCoy is great at taking advantage of this mistake.

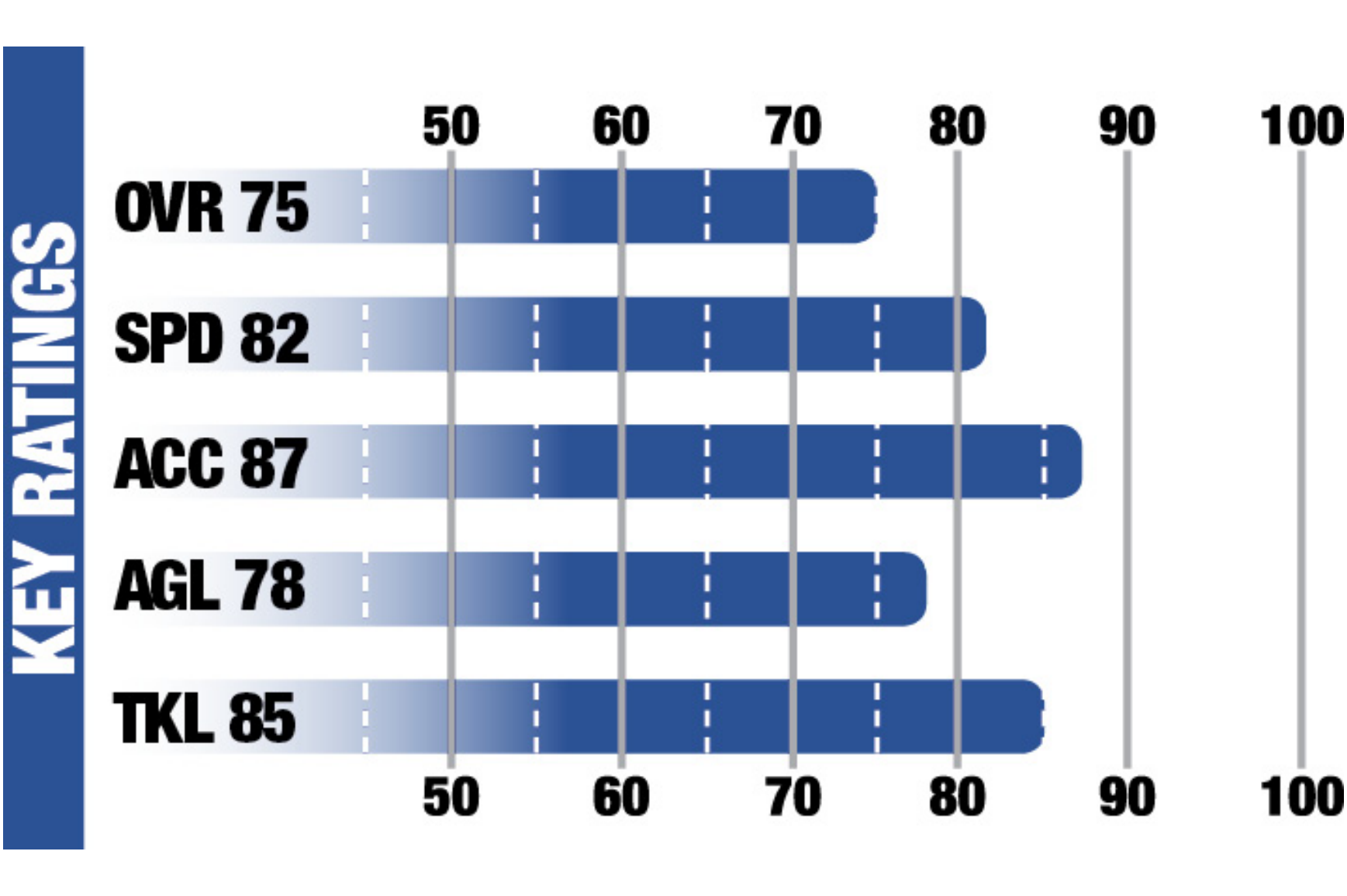
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER
MARCELL DAREUS #99
DT #99 HT 6'3" WT 331 DT Starter EXP 5



- It's extremely difficult to defend Dareus off the line simply due to his acceleration. He is powerful and quick, so as soon as the ball snaps there are very few linemen who can stop him for a full game.
- Dareus's power will put pressure on any quarterback, Even if he gets zero sacks this season, the pressure should have a significant impact in every game.

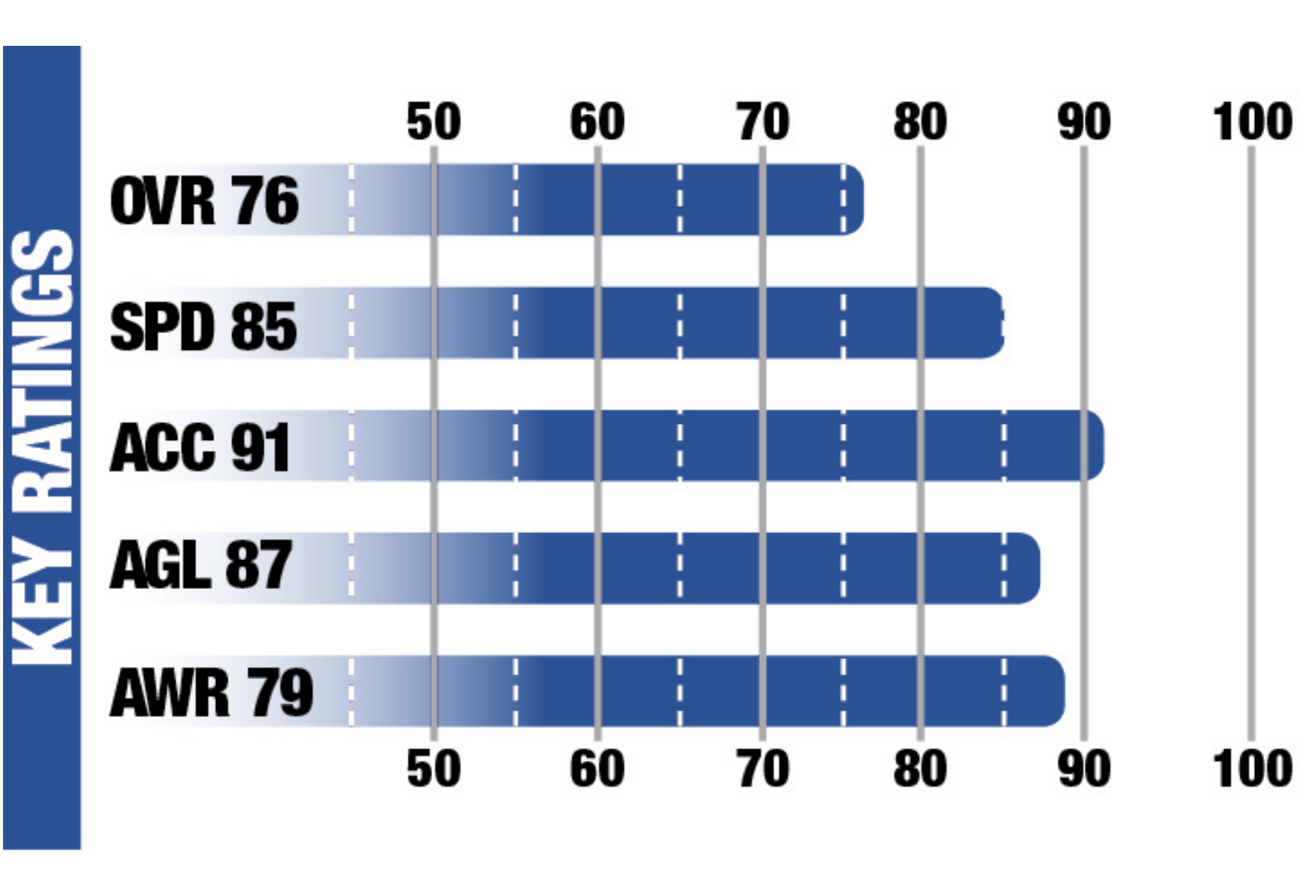


KEY ROOKIE
SHAQ LAWSON #90
LE #90 HT 6'3" WT 269 DT Starter EXP R



- The Bills were looking for a player that could help their defense out in the draft and they got him. Lawson is fast and powerful, giving him the edge when going for the ball carrier.
- Putting more XP into his Speed and Acceleration will benefit you greatly because it will be nearly impossible to stop Lawson off of the line.

KEY SLEEPER
STERLING MOORE #41
CB #41 HT 5'10" WT 202 DT 3rd String EXP 5



- It's hard to expect a new team member to come in and be someone who excels in his position, especially after replacing two great CBs in the roster. However, it is extremely likely that Moore will use his experience to break out and dominate coverage.
- The combination of Moore's Acceleration and Awareness ratings is powerful in even the newest players' hands.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Tyrod	Taylor	82
QB	E.J.	Manuel	71
QB	Cardale	Jones	66
HB	LeSean	McCoy	86
HB	Karlos	Williams Sr.	78
HB	Mike	Gillislee	70
HB	Jonathan	Williams	67
HB	James	Wilder Jr.	64
WR	Sammy	Watkins	87
WR	Robert	Woods	73
WR	Jarrett	Boykin	70
WR	Leonard	Hankerson	70
WR	Greg	Little	68
WR	Marcus	Easley	67
WR	Greg	Salas	67
WR	Marquise	Goodwin	66
WR	Kolby	Listenbee	66
WR	Walter	Powell	60
TE	Charles	Clay	84
TE	Chris	Gragg	72
TE	Jim	Dray	70
TE	Nick	O'Leary	69
TE	Blake	Annen	63
LT	Cordy	Glenn	89
LT	Seantrel	Henderson	69
LG	Richie	Incognito	90
LG	Cyril	Richardson	63
C	Eric	Wood	81
C	Fernando	Velasco	72
C	Garrison	Sanborn	56
RG	John	Miller	68
RG	Ryan	Groy	66
RT	Jordan	Mills	73
RT	Cyrus	Kouandjio	72

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Shaq	Lawson	75
LE	Lavar	Edwards	66
LE	IK	Enemkpali	66
DT	Marcell	Dareus	88
DT	Kyle	Williams	82
DT	Corbin	Bryant	71
DT	Adolphus	Washington	70
DT	T.J.	Barnes	67
DT	Jerel	Worthy	67
RE	Jerry	Hughes	88
RE	Leger	Douzable	68
RE	Max	Valles	59
LOLB	Lorenzo	Alexander	72
LOLB	Manny	Lawson	71
LOLB	Randell	Johnson	67
MLB	Preston	Brown	73
MLB	Jamari	Lattimore	70
MLB	Kevin	Reddick	67
ROLB	Zach	Brown	82
ROLB	Reggie	Ragland	74
CB	Stephon	Gilmore	85
CB	Ronald	Darby	83
CB	Sterling	Moore	76
CB	Nickell	Robey	74
CB	Javier	Arenas	73
CB	Corey	White	71
CB	Sammy	Seamster	65
CB	Kevon	Seymour	63
FS	Corey	Graham	82
FS	Duke	Williams	76
FS	Jonathan	Dowling	66
SS	Aaron	Williams	77
SS	Robert	Blanton	76
SS	Colt	Anderson	71
SS	Phillip	Thomas	68
SS	Jonathan	Meeks	64

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Dan	Carpenter	79
K	Jordan	Gay	71
P	Colton	Schmidt	77

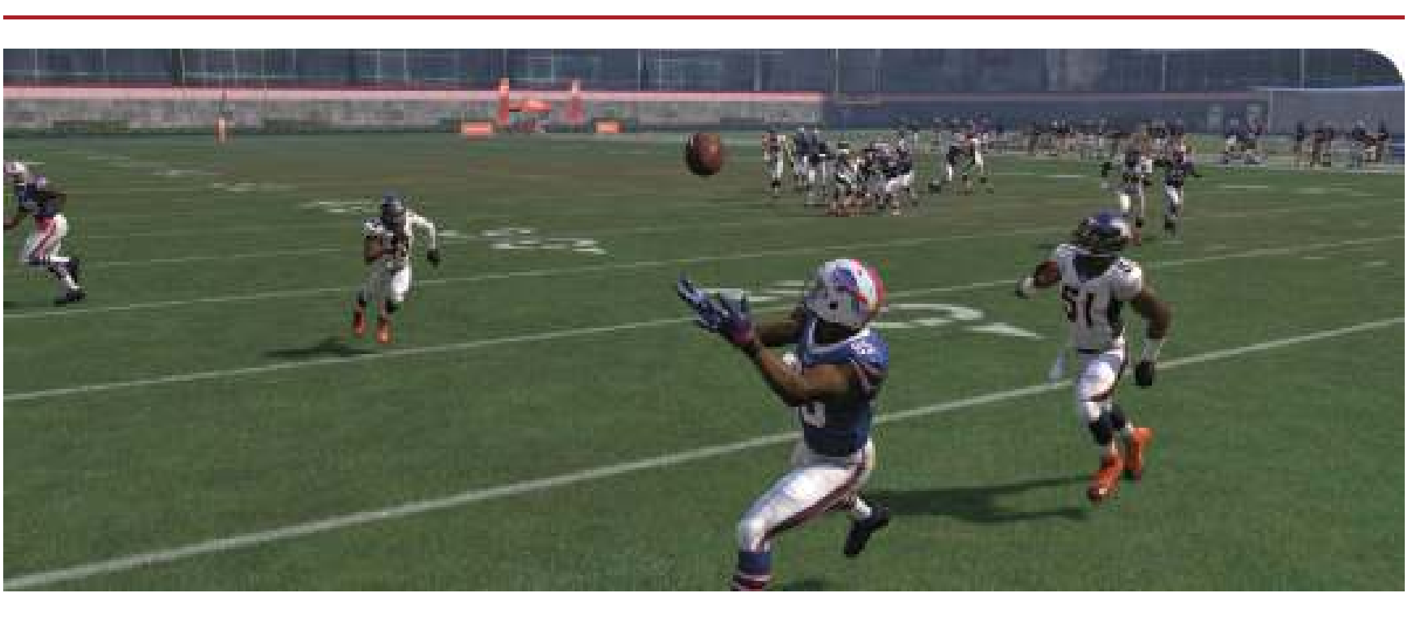
BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN : SINGLE ACE PAIR FLEX – HB SLAM

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Strong Pro – HB Stretch	Singleback Ace Close – HB Blunt Dive	Singleback Ace Close – Tight Slots Wham	Strong Tight Pair – FB Dive	Gun Trio Offset Wk – Read Option	Gun Trio Offset Wk – HB Power
Singleback Bills Doubles – HB Dive	Singleback Ace Pair – HB Smash	Singleback Jumbo Pair – Power O	Strong Tight Pair – HB Toss	Pistol Ace Twins – HB Power O	Gun Trey Open – HB Base
Singleback Ace Pair Flex – HB Slam	Singleback Bunch Ace – HB Slash	Strong Pro – HB Blast	Gun Empty Trey Flex – QB Draw	Singleback Ace Pair Flex – Counter Weak	Pistol Ace Twins – Strong Power

BEST PASS : SINGLEBACK ACE PAIR FLEX – PA FL DIVE



PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Ace Pair Flex – PA FL Dive	Gun Trio Offset Wk – Curl Flat	Gun Spread Flex Wk – Curl Flat	Singleback Bills Doubles – PA Draw Shot	Gun Empty Trey Flex – DBL Slot Cross	Singleback Bills Doubles – WR Drag
I Form Pro Twins – FB Flare	Gun Y Trips Wk – Stick	Strong Pro – PA Power O	Pistol Ace Twins – PA FL Stretch	Strong Pro – F Trail	Gun Trey Open – Four Verticals
Gun Trey Open – Flanker Drag	Gun Bunch HB Str – HB Slip Screen	Gun Bunch HB Str – Spacing	Gun Doubles – PA Shot Divide	I Form Pro Twins – Post Wheel	Pistol Ace Twins – Bills Post Wheel

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D : 34 ODD – PINCH DOG 3

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	34 Over – Sting Pinch	44 Split – LB Fire	34 Over Ed – Strong Snake 3	Nickel 245 – Over Storm Brave
34 Predator – MLB Cross Fire 3	34 Bear – Will SS 0	34 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	44 Split – Cover 2 Invert	34 Over Ed – OLB Fire Man	34 Predator – Cover 4

BEST PASS D: 34 ODD – COVER 6

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Cover 3 Cloud	Big Dime 236 – Cover 2 Hard Flat	34 Over – Cross Fire 3	34 Odd – Cover 6	Dollar 326 – Cover 3 Match	Dollar 326 – Max Sting 3
Big Dime 236 – Cover 3 Buzz Match	Big Dime 236 – Overload 3 Press	Big Dime 236 – Silver Shoot Pinch	34 Odd – Edge Blitz 1	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Nickel Overload 3	Dollar 326 – Cover 2 Man LB Blitz

Teams
Denver Broncos

GAMEPLAY RATING 80

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 82
Offense: 75
Defense: 91
Offensive Scheme: Zone Run
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 3-4
Strengths: WR, CB, LOLB, MLB
Weaknesses: DT, QB, FB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

1st AFC West (12-4-0)
Passing Offense: 14th
Rushing Offense: 17th
Passing Defense: 1st
Rushing Defense: 3rd

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Peyton Manning: 2249
Rushing: Ronnie Hillman: 863
Receiving: Demaryius Thomas: 1304
Tackles: Brandon Marshal: 102
Sacks: Von Miller: 11
INTS: Aqib Talib: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

LB Dekoda Watson
TE Garrett Graham
SS Branian Ross

KEY ROOKIES

QB Paxton Lynch
HB Davontae Booker
FS Justin Simmons

COACH

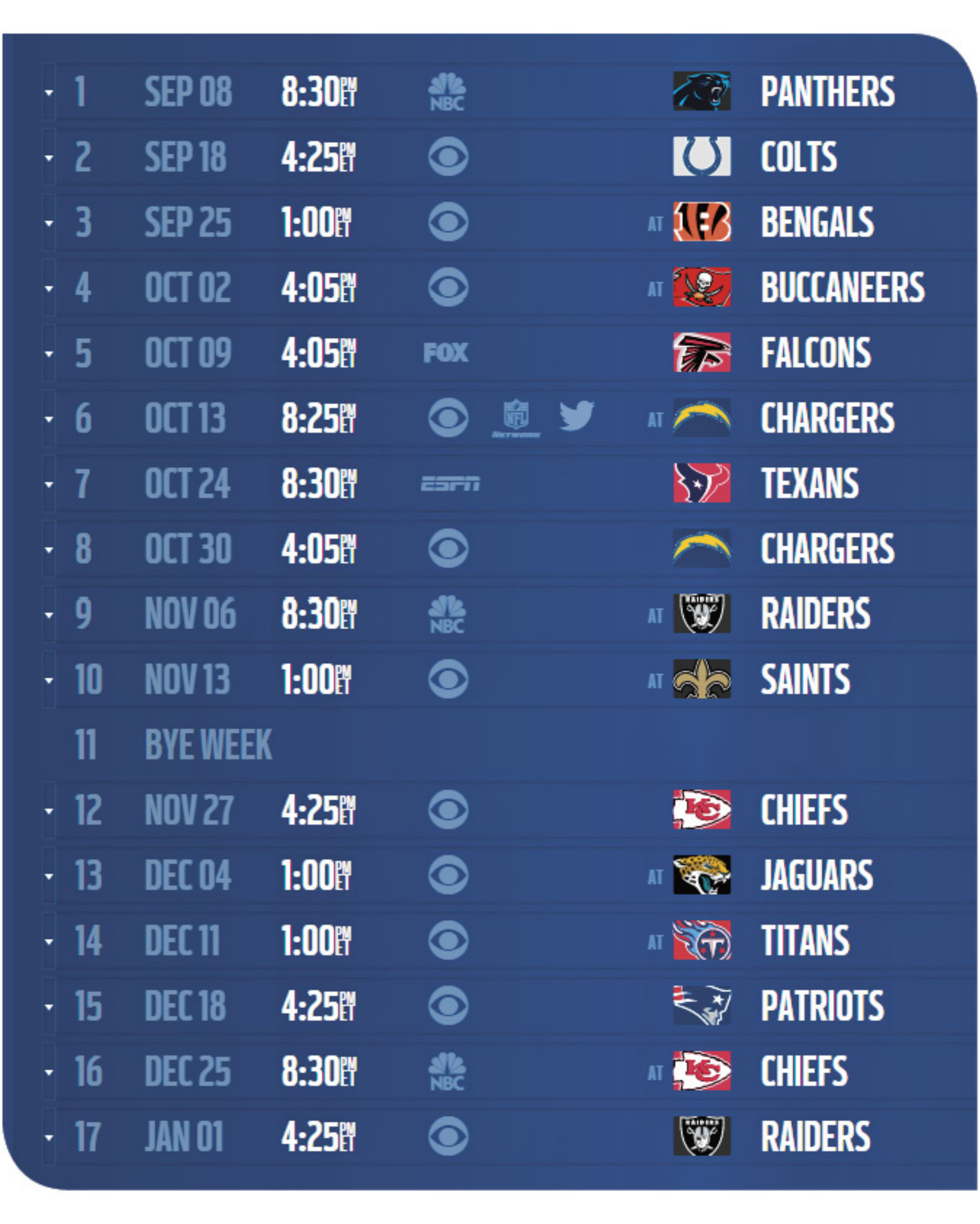
Gary Kubiak
Level: 18
Offensive Scheme: Zone Run
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 3-4

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Coming off a championship, the Denver Broncos are ready to go all the way again. However, they will have some challenges replacing the retired Peyton Manning. Picking up Paxton Lynch should prove to be useful, but he is no immediate replacement for the future Hall of Famer.
- The offense is going to need some serious rebuilding, but with the transactions of TE Garrett Graham, and rookies HB Davontae Booker and WR Mose Frazier, the bench has gotten deeper. We will see how they turn out.
- Coach Kubiak's Zone run is still an effective offense and will fit well with both the new talent and veterans.

- Defense wins games, and with the offense currently in a major rebuild phase, the Bronco defense stays strong. Some of the best defenders in the league play for Denver and this season will continue to prove this.
- LOLB Von Miller had an amazing season last year and has an even stronger defense this year to back him up.
- Keep your eye out for any free agents to upgrade your RE or DT positions because that might be the only area that could prove to be a problem for the Broncos' defense.

SCHEDULE



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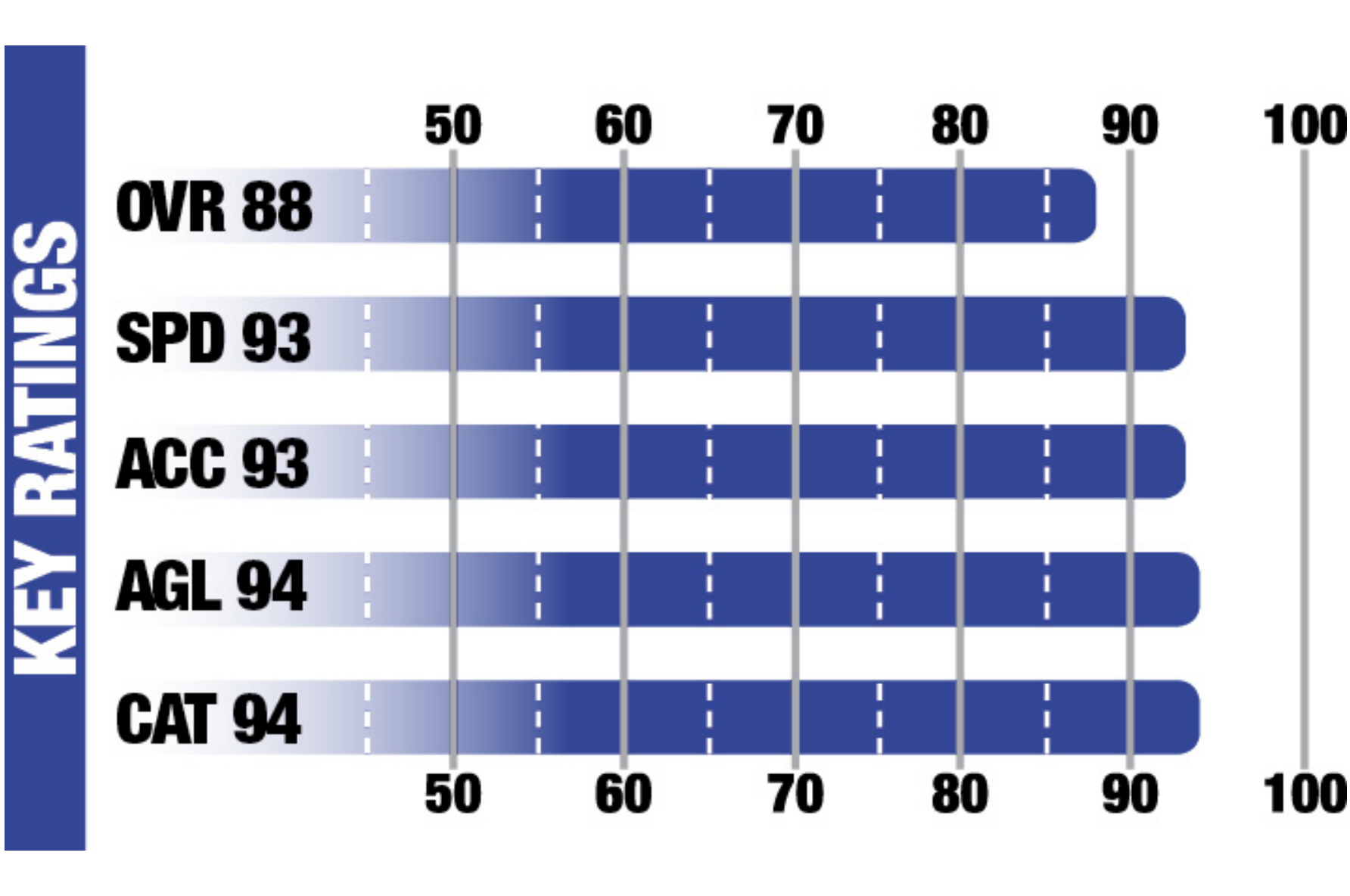
KEY PLAYERS

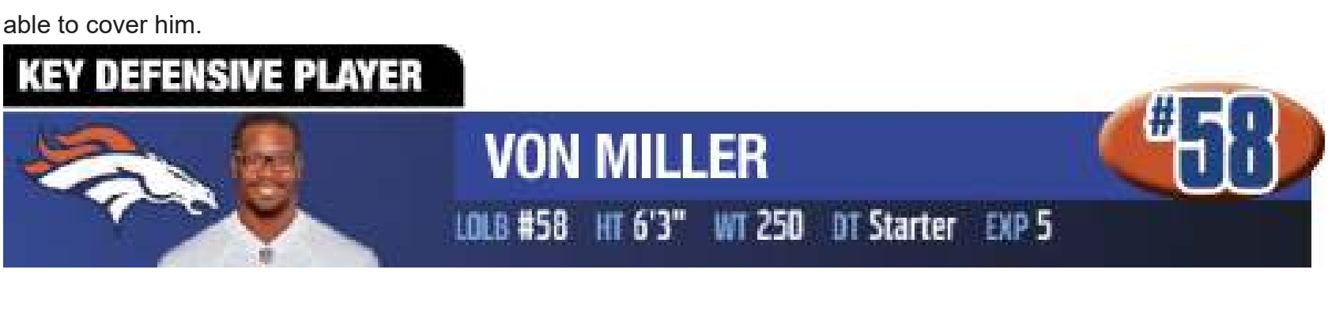
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

EMMANUEL SANDERS #10
WR #10 HT 5'11" WT 180 DT Starter EXP 6

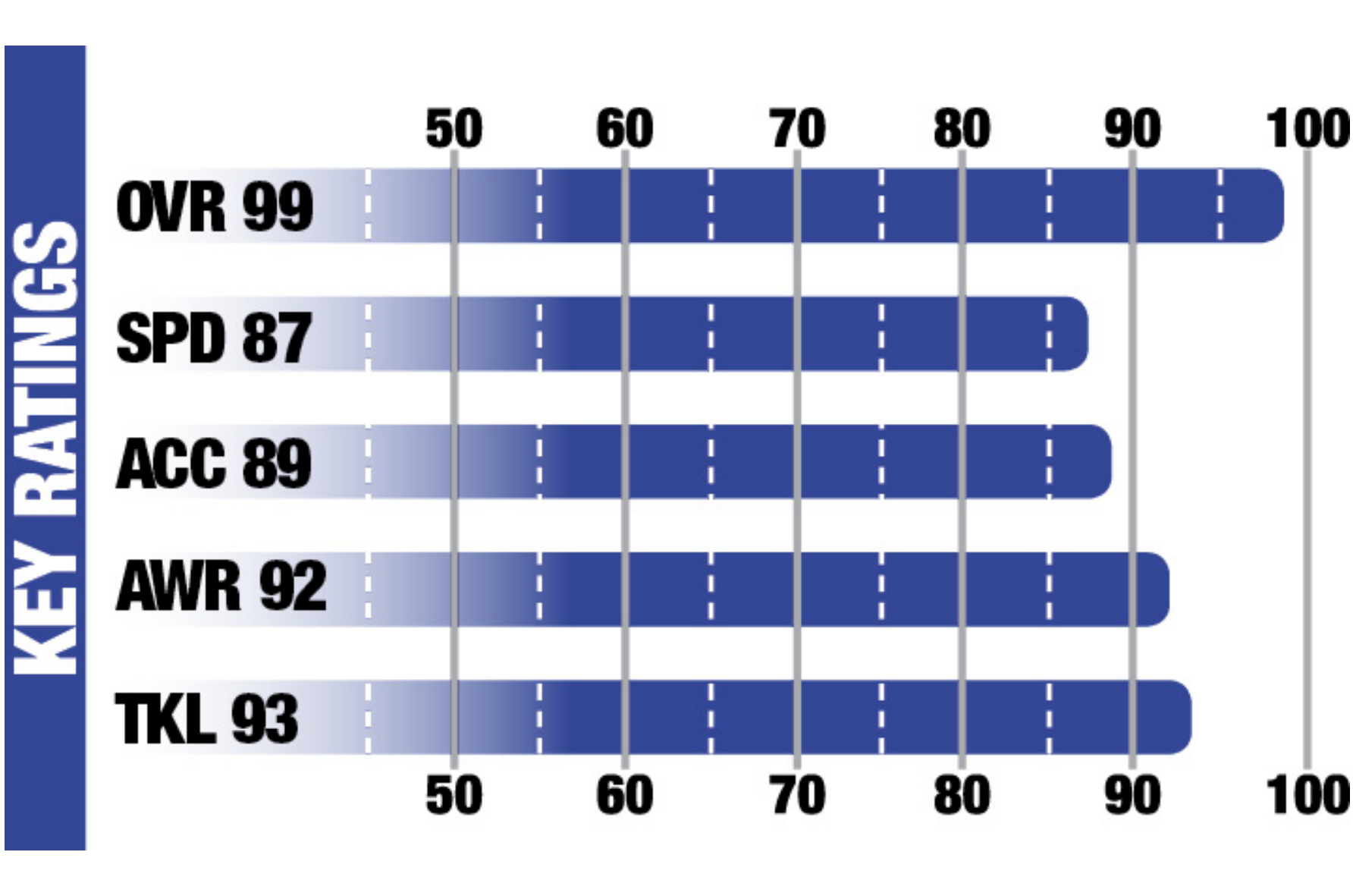


- With a rookie QB, you need some experience to handle the ball. Sanders is that player. His ability to catch the ball in traffic should relieve some pressure from the QB.
- Use Sanders' speed and acceleration to get open and run plays that will allow him to run his route. Most CBs won't be able to cover him.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

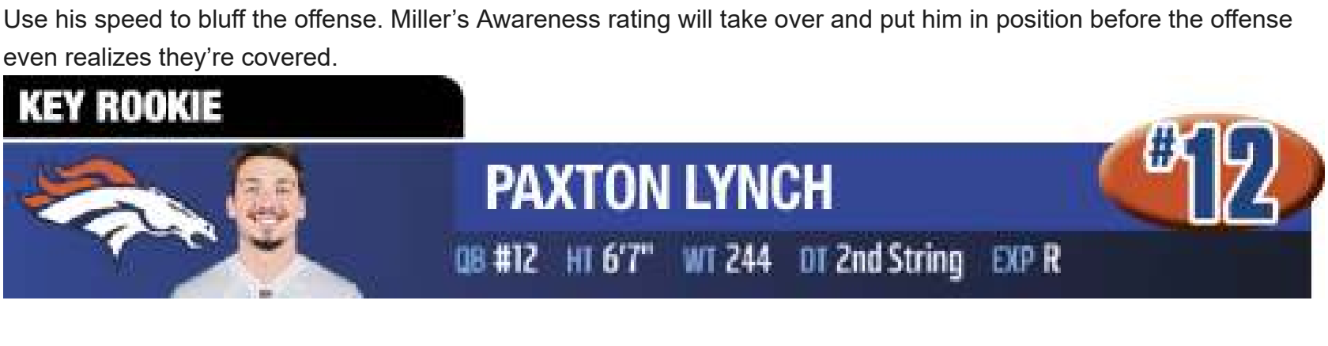


VON MILLER #58
LOLB #58 HT 6'3" WT 250 DT Starter EXP 5

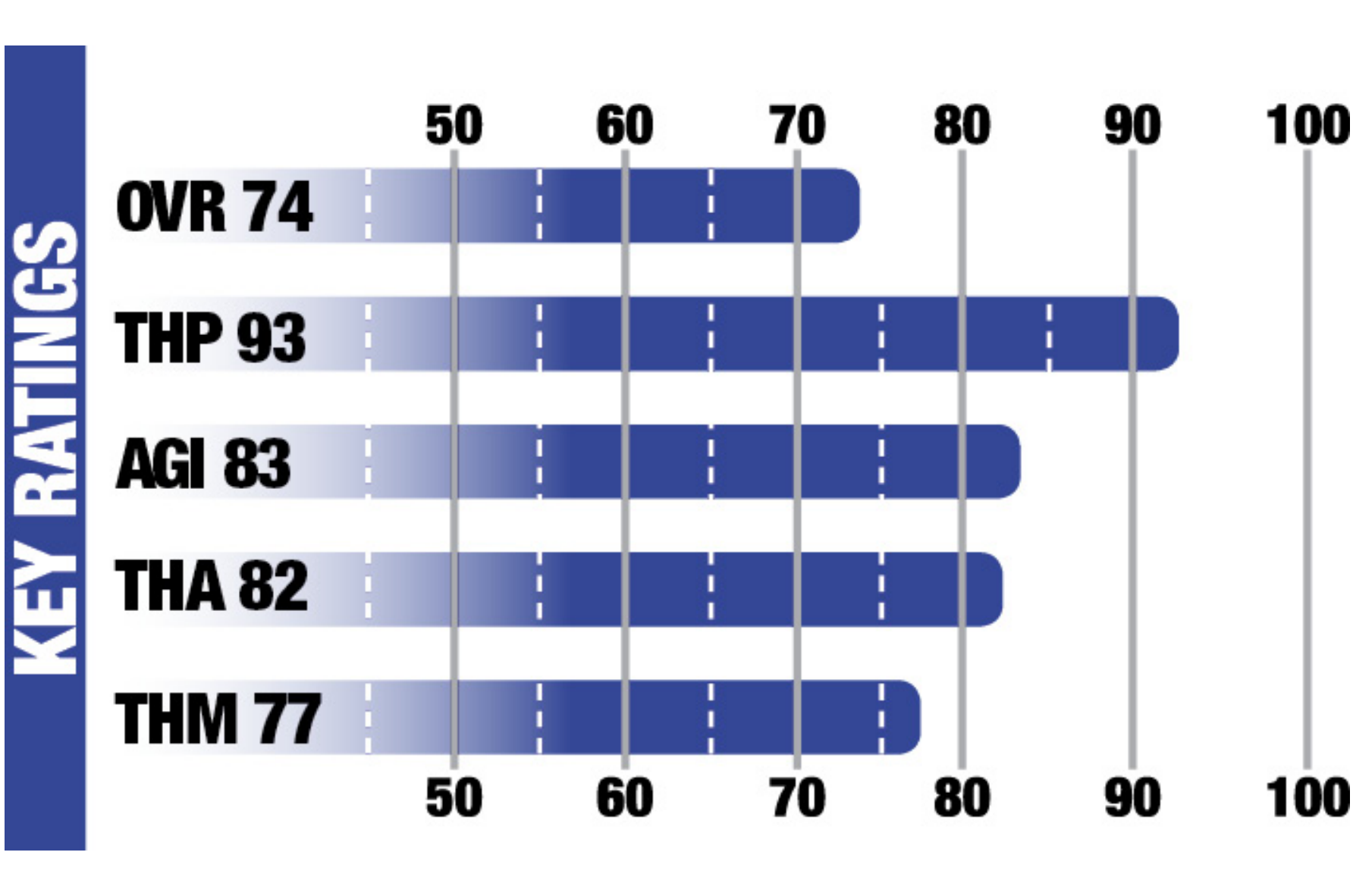


- Von Miller is at his best and again ready to have an excellent season. Play Miller however you want as the odds are he can play it well.
- Use his speed to bluff the offense. Miller's Awareness rating will take over and put him in position before the offense even realizes they're covered.

KEY ROOKIE

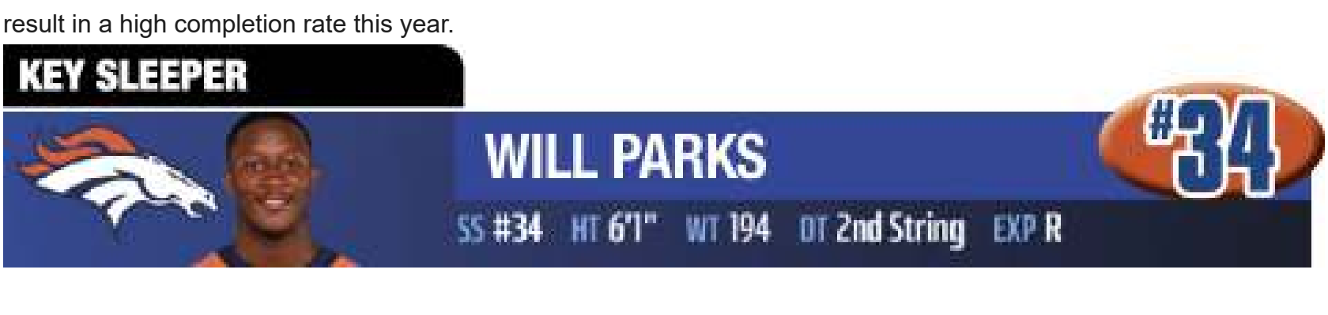


PAXTON LYNCH #12
QB #12 HT 6'7" WT 244 DT 2nd String EXP R

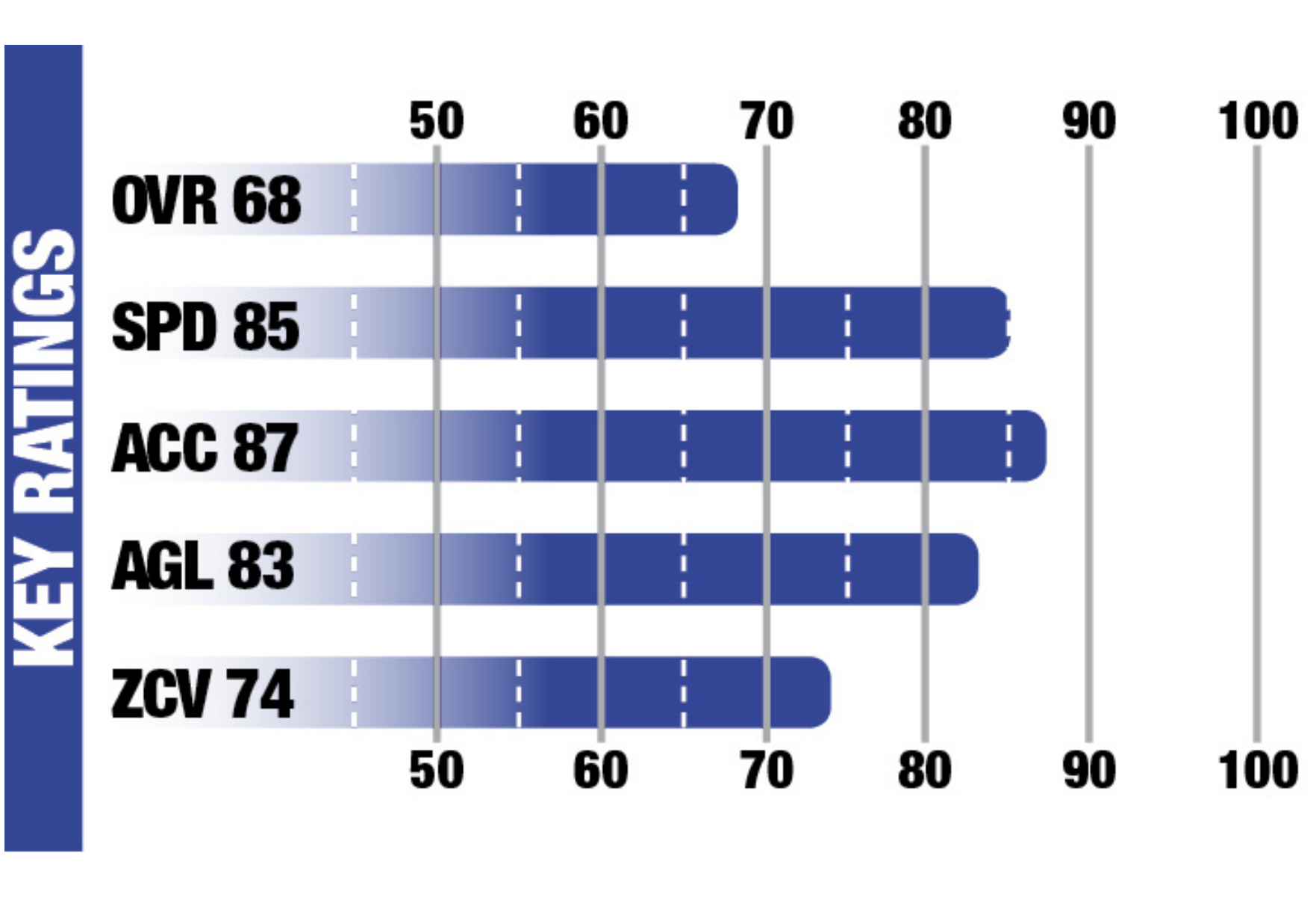


- Lynch has major pressure on him as he attempts to lead the team after a championship and the departure of Peyton Manning; however, he has the potential to do better than most rookies.
- Even though it's his first year in the pros, his Accuracy rating is very high and having experienced receivers should result in a high completion rate this year.

KEY SLEEPER



WILL PARKS #34
SS #34 HT 6'1" WT 194 DT 2nd String EXP R



- This rookie's zone coverage is incredibly useful and should prove valuable to the Broncos' defense.
- Parks is fast and quick at short distances. Play him close to the play and you may see lots of interceptions from him this year.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Paxton	Lynch	74
QB	Mark	Sanchez	72
QB	Trevor	Siemian	60
HB	C.J.	Anderson	84
HB	Ronnie	Hillman	76
HB	Devontae	Booker	72
HB	Juwan	Thompson	71
HB	Cyrus	Gray	66
HB	Kapri	Bibbs	65
FB	Andy	Janovich	67
WR	Emmanuel	Sanders	88
WR	Demaryius	Thomas	87
WR	Bennie	Fowler	71
WR	Jordan	Norwood	70
WR	Cody	Latimer	68
WR	DeVier	Posey	66
WR	Mose	Frazier	63
WR	Bralon	Addison	60
TE	Virgil	Green	79
TE	Jeff	Heuerman	71
TE	Garrett	Graham	70
TE	Henry	Krieger-Coble	61
TE	Casey	Kreiter	49
LT	Russell	Okung	81
LT	Ty	Sambrailo	70
LT	Lars	Hanson	62
LG	Max	Garcia	70
LG	Justin	Murray	60
C	Matt	Paradis	70
C	Sam	Brenner	68
C	James	Ferentz	64
RG	Connor	McGovern	66
RG	Robert	Myers Jr.	59
RT	Donald	Stephenson	71
RT	Darrion	Weems	71

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Derek	Wolfe	86
LE	Vance	Walker	74
LE	Calvin	Heurtelou	59
DT	Phil	Taylor	76
DT	Sylvester	Williams	74
DT	Darius	Kilgo	61
DT	David	Moala	58
RE	Jared	Crick	70
RE	Adam	Gotsis	68
RE	Eddie	Yarbrough	62
RE	Shaneil	Jenkins	61
LOLB	Von	Miller	99
LOLB	Shaquil	Barrett	80
LOLB	Vontarrius	Dora	57
MLB	Brandon	Marshall	90
MLB	Dekoda	Watson	66
MLB	Todd	Davis	62
MLB	Corey	Nelson	61
ROLB	DeMarcus	Ware	86
ROLB	Shane	Ray	73
ROLB	Sadat	Sulleyman	60
ROLB	Kenny	Anunike	57
CB	Chris	Harris Jr.	93
CB	Aqib	Talib	90
CB	Bradley	Roby	83
CB	Kayvon	Webster	71
CB	Lorenzo	Doss	67
CB	Taurean	Nixon	61
FS	Brandian	Ross	72
FS	Justin	Simmons	70
SS	T.J.	Ward	85
SS	Shiloh	Keo	71
SS	Will	Parks	68
SS	Antonio	Glover	63

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Brandon	McManus	82
P	Britton	Colquitt	80

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN : SINGLEBACK ACE – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Trio – HB Stretch	Singleback Ace – HB Stretch	Singleback Ace – HB Dive	I Form Tight – FB Dive Strong	Pistol Trips – Strong Power	Pistol Bunch – HB Counter
Pistol Bunch – HB Dive	Gun Doubles HB Wk – HB Base	I Form Pro – Outside Zone	Goal Line Normal – Power O	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Inside Zone	Gun Snugs – Quick Base
I Form Tight Twins – Zone Weak	I Form Pro – HB Blast	Strong Pro Twins – HB Toss	I Form Tight – Iso	Gun Bunch Wk – HB Sweep	Gun Y Trips Open – HB Off Tackle

BEST PASS : SINGLEBACK TRIO – PA BOOT

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Y Shallow Cross	Singleback Trio – Slot Chase	Gun Doubles HB Wk – Curl Flat	Singleback Doubles – PA Draw Shot	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Corner Strike	Gun Empty Bronco – Bronco Seams
Gun Doubles HB Wk – Broncos Fk Rub	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Mesh	Gun Snugs – WR Crosses	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – PA Shot	Gun Doubles HB Wk – Double Cross	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Four Verticals
Gun Bunch Wk – Bronco Cross	Singleback Trio – PA Boot	I Form Tight Twins – Spacing	Gun Doubles – PA Bronco Shot	Singleback Trio – Verticals	Gun Snugs – Slot Post

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D : 34 ODD – PINCH BUCK 0

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Pinch Buck 0	34 Odd – Cover 4 Mike	34 Over – Sting Pinch	34 Solid – Gap Press	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Mid Blitz	Nickel 335 Wide – Cover 4 Show 2
34 Odd – Cross 3 Fire	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Solid – Cover 4	Goal Line 533 – GL Man	Nickel 245 – Over Storm Brave	Big Dime 236 Will – Zero Blitz

BEST PASS D: 34 ODD – EDGE BLITZ 1

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Nickel 245 – Cover 2 Man	Nickel 245 – Silver Shoot Pinch	34 Odd – Edge Blitz 1	34 Solid – Strike Spy 2	Big Dime 236 – Cover 2 Hard Flat	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 6
Nickel 245 – Cover 2 Buster	Nickel 245 – Cover 3 Cloud	34 Odd – Cover 3 Hard Flat	34 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	Big Dime 236 – Cover 3 Buzz Match	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 2 Man

Cleveland Browns

GAMEPLAY RATING 80

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 78
Offense: 79
Defense: 81
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Zone Blitz 3-4
Strengths: LT, TE, ROLB
Weaknesses: FB, C, SS

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

4th AFC North (3-13-0)
Passing Offense: 21st
Rushing Offense: 22nd
Passing Defense: 11th
Rushing Defense: 3rd

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Josh McCown: 2,109
Rushing: Isaiah Crowell: 706
Receiving: Gary Barnidge: 1,043
Tackles: Karlos Dansby: 108
Sacks: Armonty Bryant: 5.5
INTS: Karlos Dansby: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

DB Eric Patterson
WR Saalim Hakim
LB Jackson Jeffcoat

KEY ROOKIES

WR Corey Coleman
LB Emmanuel Ogbah
OL Shon Coleman

COACH

Hue Jackson
Level: 3
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Zone Blitz 3-4

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Browns really suffered last year by not being able to do much on the offensive end. This season does not look a whole lot better, but they are the perfect team for rebuilding. If you're looking for a roster with young talent that can really be transformed into anything, this is your team.
- Josh McCown had a little bit of trouble getting used to leading this team, but as he warms up to his WR bench and teaches the plethora of new rookies coming in, there should be some improvements and plenty of talented receiver options.
- The offseason has been decent for the Browns' offensive line. They've drafted some new members and should be able to take a little pressure off of their QB this season. Defense may win games, but the offense must finish them this season if they hope to have a shot at the playoffs. However, with the new and major draft choices, there may be some light at the end of the tunnel.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Last season was probably one of the strongest efforts the Browns will experience for a couple of years. That doesn't mean that they had a terrible offseason, though. The majority of the roster is still strong, but some work still remains to be done.
- The addition of DB Rahim Moore is huge. Because of the zone defense mechanics in this season of Madden NFL, Moore should prove to be a great asset to the defense—not to mention the addition of DB Don Jones to join him.
- The Browns defense still retains some of the better CBs in the league; this will be your best weapon against any opponent's offense. The Browns' weakness is definitely the short game, and it is easy to pick apart their defense a few yards at a time. Keep this in mind when calling plays because stuffing the line of scrimmage is a good way to combat this problem when necessary.

SCHEDULE

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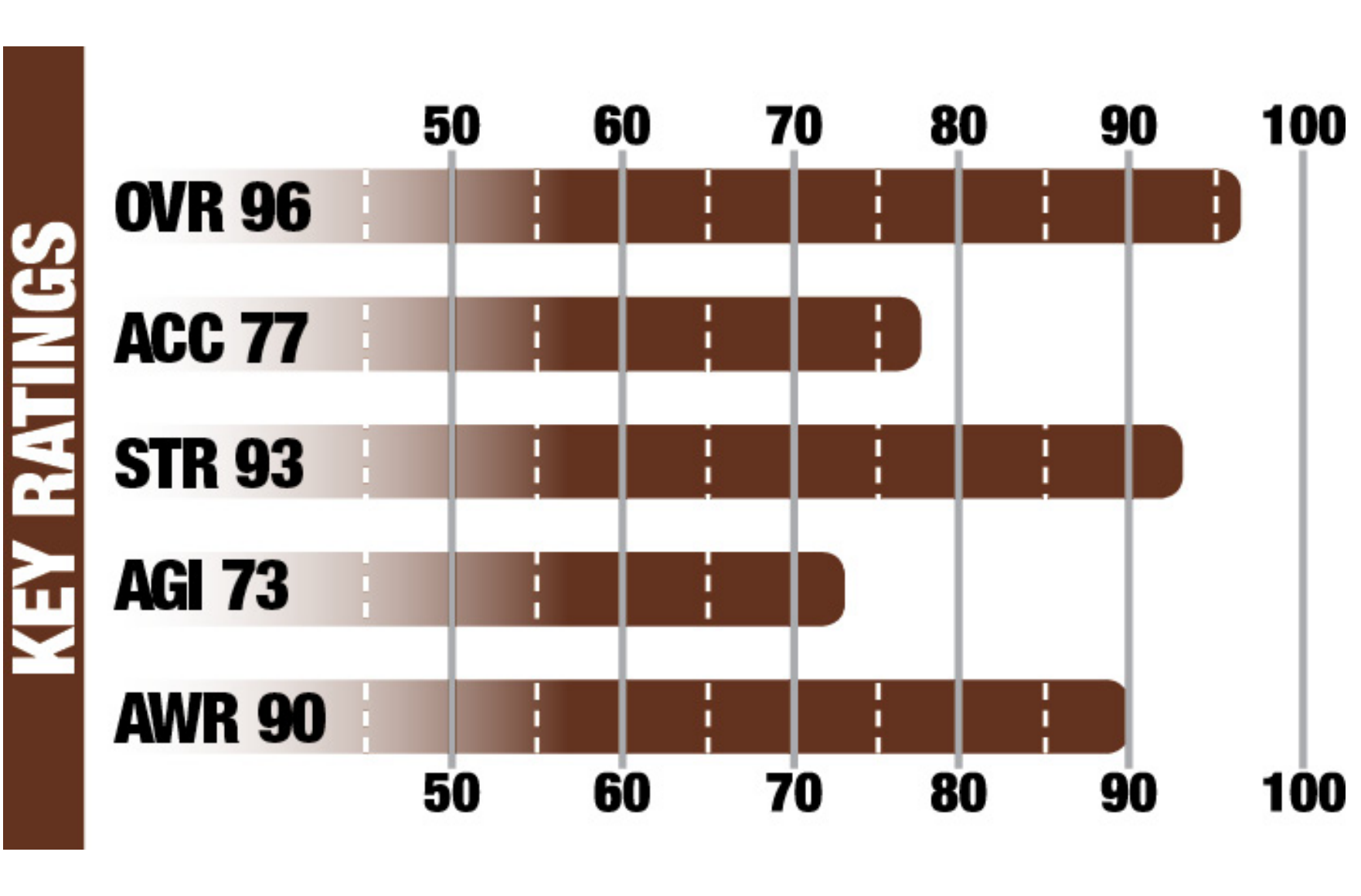
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

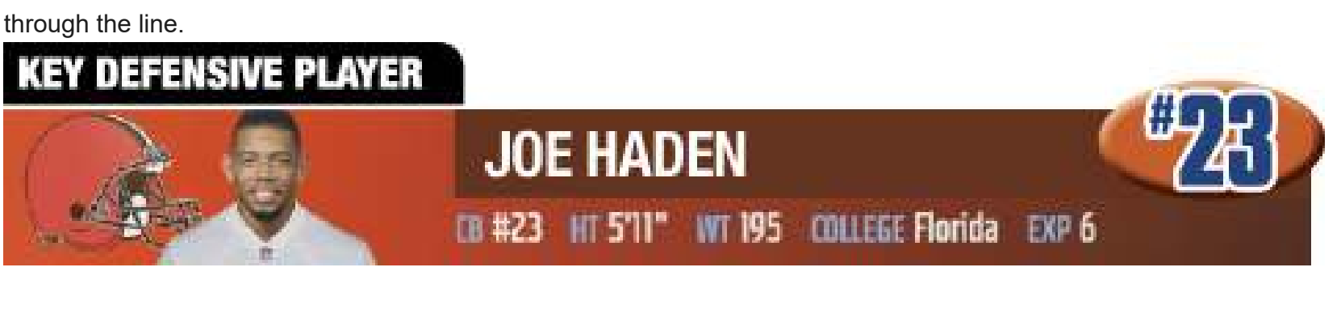
JOE THOMAS #73

LT #73 HT 6'6" WT 312 COLLEGE Wisconsin EXP 9



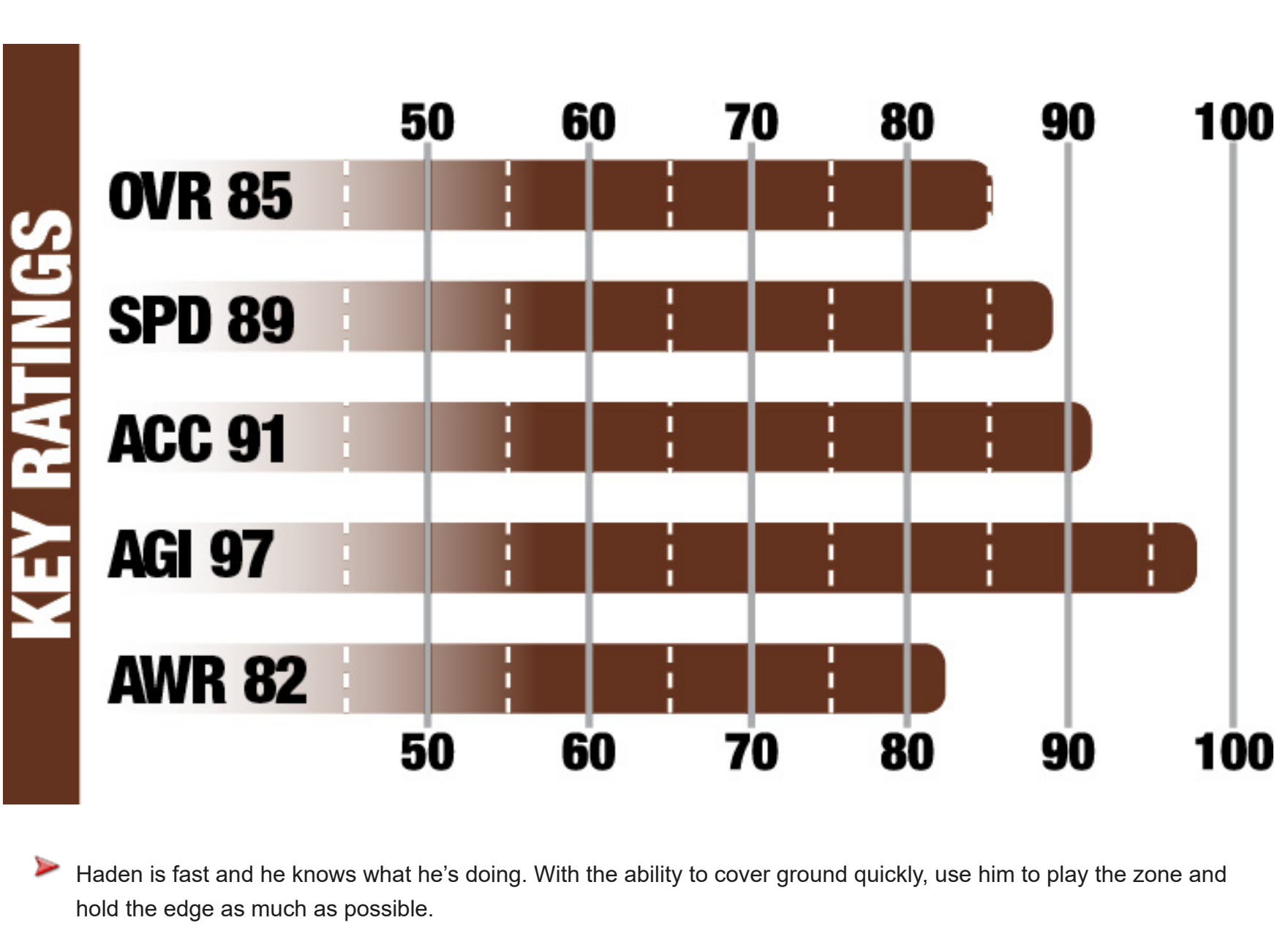
- Joe Thomas has an amazing ability to get off the line and hold his position against even the best defensive linemen. His strength and durability will keep the quarterback protected with much less effort than any other lineman.
- Because of the new Gap Play in Madden NFL 17, Thomas' Awareness rating should stuff anyone attempting to break through the line.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER



JOE HADEN #23

CB #23 HT 5'11" WT 195 COLLEGE Florida EXP 6

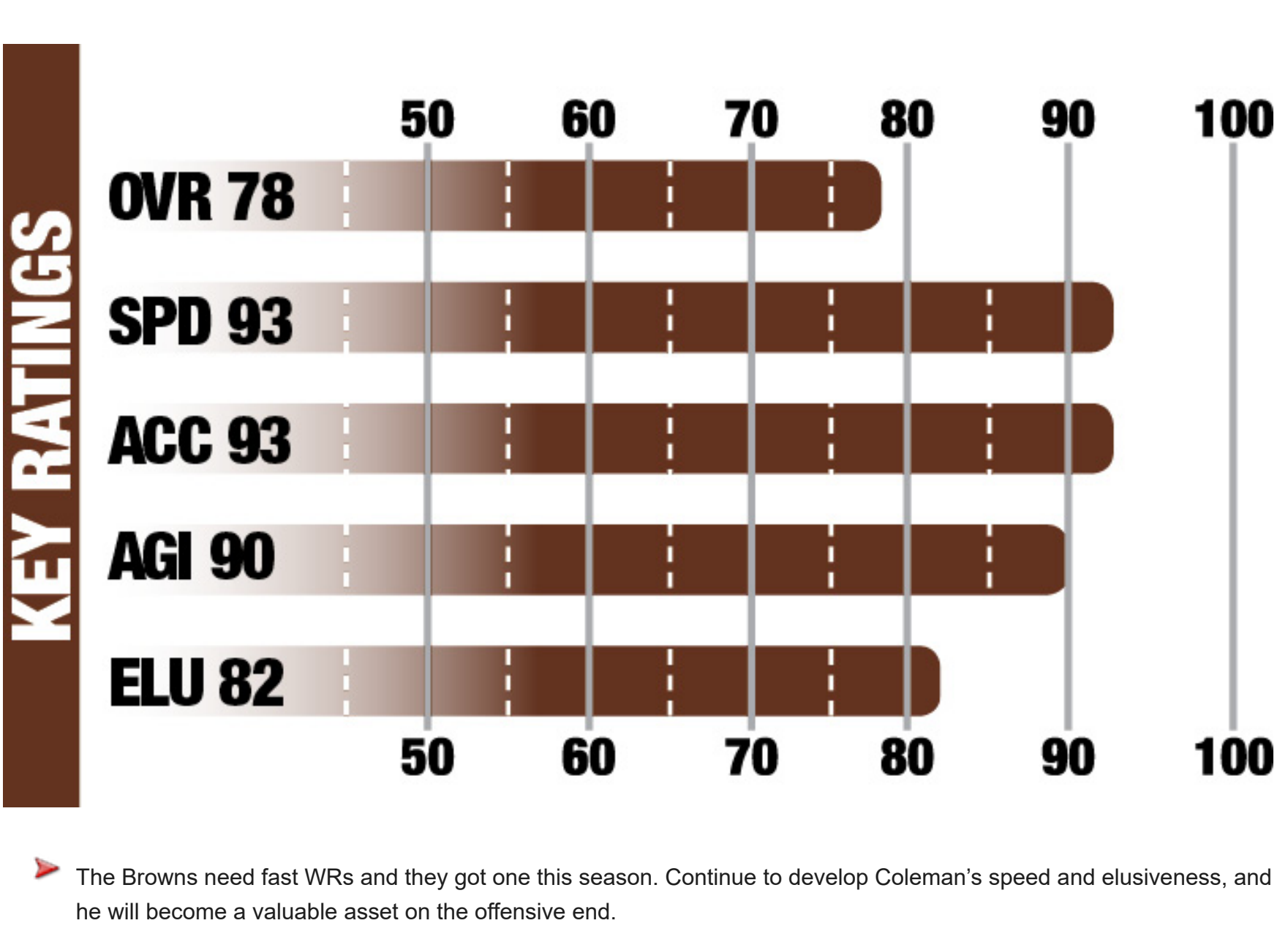


- Haden is fast and he knows what he's doing. With the ability to cover ground quickly, use him to play the zone and hold the edge as much as possible.
- Haden is a great CB who can match up with almost every WR in the league, which is something the Browns will sorely need this season. His speed and ability to read the play should allow him to get back to coverage in an instant.

KEY ROOKIE

COREY COLEMAN #19

WR #19 HT 5'11" WT 194 COLLEGE Baylor EXP R

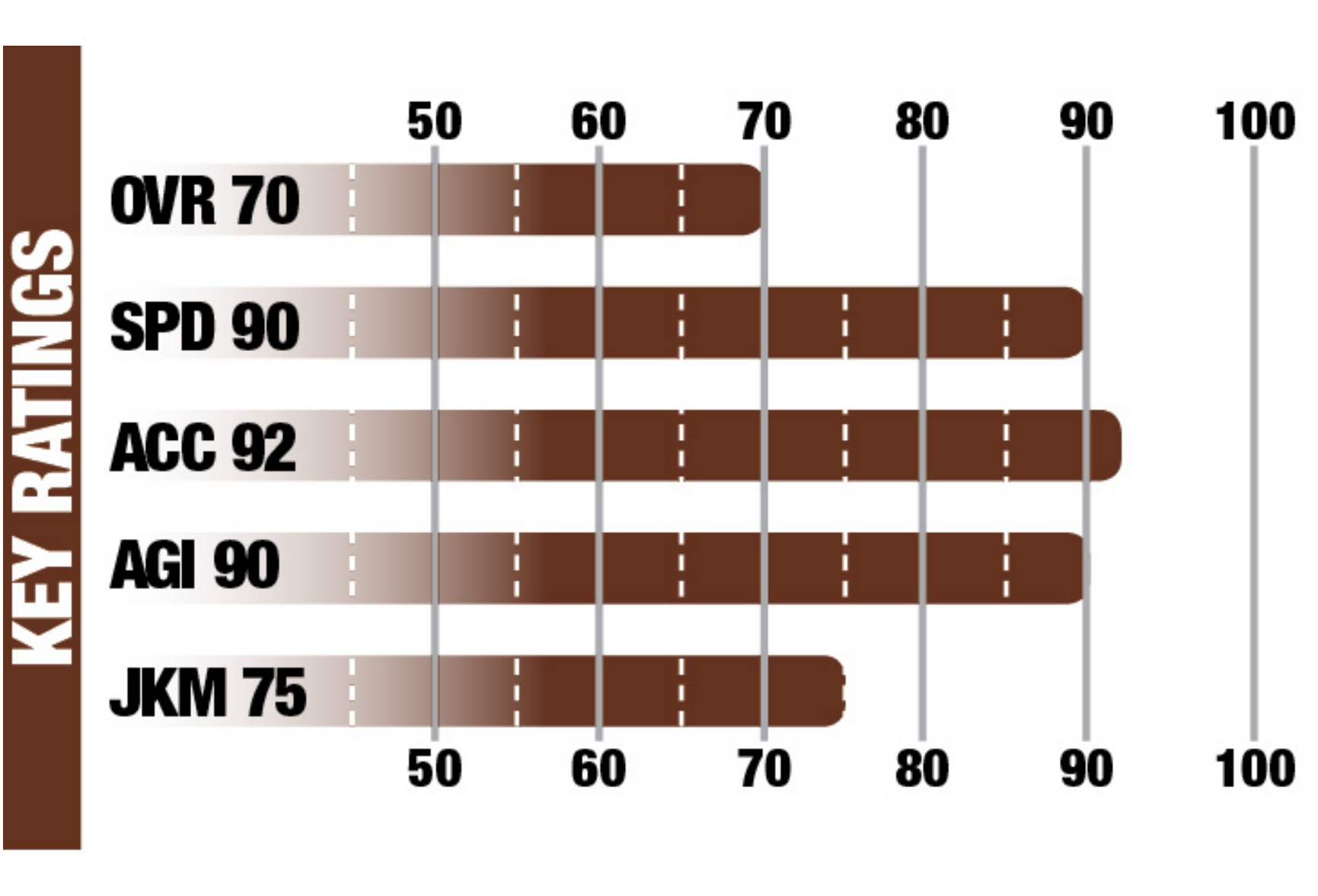


- The Browns need fast WRs and they got one this season. Continue to develop Coleman's speed and elusiveness, and he will become a valuable asset on the offensive end.
- As a young player with an extraordinarily high rating, you can use Coleman's XP almost anywhere in his ratings chart and he will only get better. It might be useful to focus on something he is already good at like his ELU rating.

KEY SLEEPER

DON JONES #35

FS #35 HT 5'11" WT 205 COLLEGE Arkansas St. EXP 3



- Don Jones is quick and while he may not have the best Awareness rating on the team, he makes up for it with his speed. Get him in the right position and expect some big plays.
- Zone defense is huge for players like Jones. Being able to hold the edge will be key and Jones is the man to do it.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Robert	Griffin III	73
QB	Josh	McCown	71
QB	Cody	Kessler	70
QB	Austin	Davis	69
HB	Duke	Johnson Jr.	78
HB	Isaiah	Crowell	76
HB	Raheem	Mostert	67
HB	Glenn	Winston	65
FB	Malcolm	Johnson	61
WR	Corey	Coleman	78
WR	Josh	Gordon	75
WR	Andrew	Hawkins	73
WR	Taylor	Gabriel	72
WR	Marlon	Moore	65
WR	Ricardo	Louis	64
WR	Jordan	Payton	64
WR	Rashard	Higgins	63
WR	Darius	Jennings	61
WR	Terrelle	Pryor	60
TE	Randall	Telfer	66
TE	E.J.	Bibbs	65
TE	Seth	DeValve	64
TE	Charley	Hughlett	51
LT	Joe	Thomas	96
LG	Joel	Bitonio	80
LG	Kaleb	Johnson	67
LG	Conor	Boffeli	65
C	Garth	Gerhart	66
RG	Alvin	Bailey	71
RG	Cameron	Erving	67
RG	Spencer	Drango	64
RT	Michael	Bowie	72
RT	Austin	Pasztor	71
RT	Shon	Coleman	67

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Desmond	Bryant	77
LE	Armonty	Bryant	70
DT	Danny	Shelton	72
DT	Jamie	Meder	69
RE	John	Hughes III	70
RE	Carl	Nassib	69
RE	Xavier	Cooper	62
LOLB	Barkevious	Mingo	76
LOLB	Emmanuel	Ogbah	72
LOLB	Nate	Orchard	67
LOLB	Cam	Johnson	64
MLB	Demario	Davis	76
MLB	Christian	Kirksey	74
MLB	Justin	Tuggle	70
MLB	Scooby	Wright III	68
MLB	Tank	Carder	65
MLB	Dominique	Alexander	58
ROLB	Paul	Kruger	85
ROLB	Joe	Schobert	65
ROLB	Jackson	Jeffcoat	63
CB	Joe	Haden	85
CB	Tramon	Williams	80
CB	K'Waun	Williams	77
CB	Justin	Gilbert	74
CB	Jamar	Taylor	70
CB	Pierre	Desir	69
CB	Charles	Gaines	67
CB	Trey	Caldwell	62
CB	Eric	Patterson	61
FS	Rahim	Moore Sr.	79
FS	Don	Jones	70
FS	Jordan	Poyer	70
FS	Sean	Baker	67
SS	Ibraheim	Campbell	70
SS	Derrick	Kindred	65

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Travis	Coons	76
K	Patrick	Murray	72

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN : SINGLEBACK ACE – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Ace – Weak Zone	Singleback Deuce Close – HB Wham	Strong Tight Pair – HB Toss	I Form Hulk – FB Dive	Weak Pro – Counter F	Gun Y Trips Open -5 6 Trap
I Form Tight – HB Blast	Singleback Ace – HB Stretch	Weak Pro – HB Gut	I Form Hulk – HB Power O	Pistol Y Trips – Strong Power	Gun Y Trips Open – Inside Zone
Gun Split Close – Power O	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Shovel Option	Strong Pro – Power O	I Form Tight Pair – Iso	Singleback Deuce Close – Cntr Wk	Pistol Y Trips – HB Counter

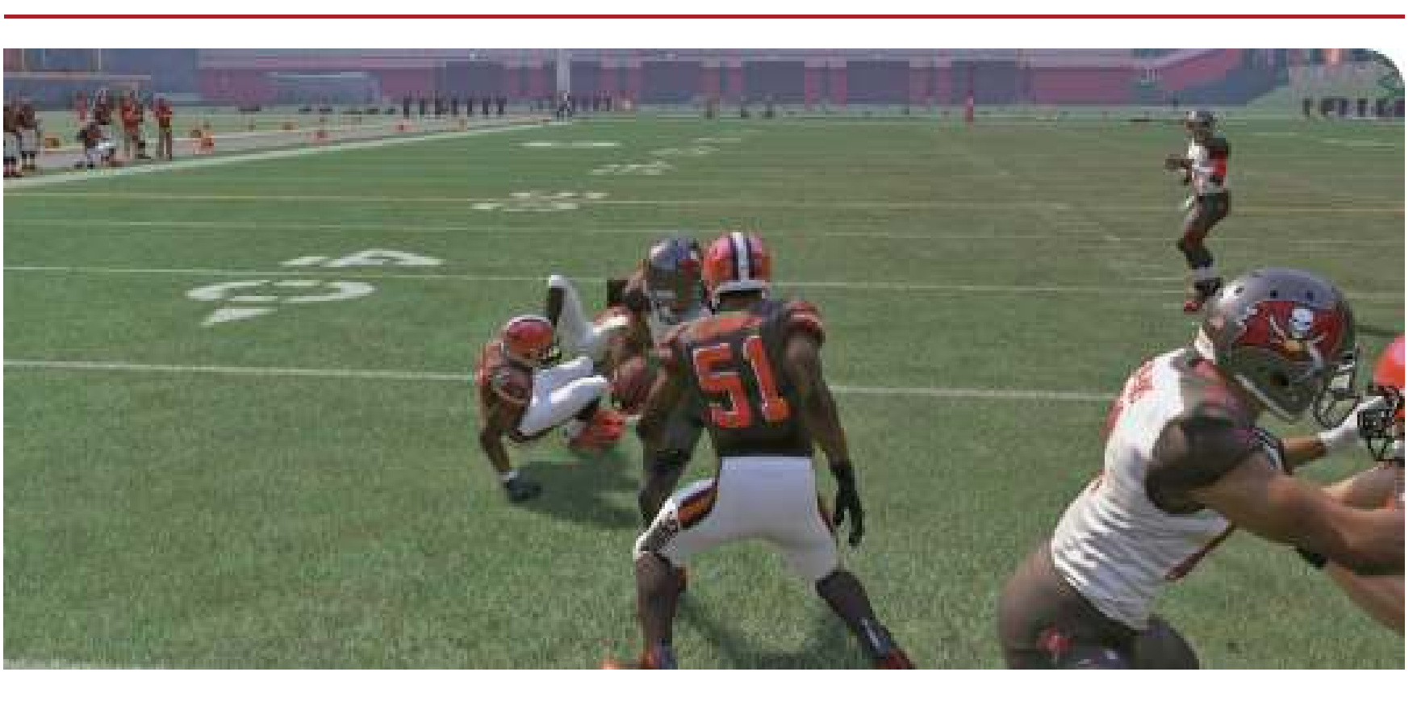
BEST PASS : SINGLEBACK ACE – PA ALL GO

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Split Close – WR Corner	Strong Pro – Fl Drive	Strong Pro – Spider 2 Y Banana	Singleback Ace – PA All Go	Gun Bunch Wk – Bunch Trail	Singleback Pair Tight Twins – Four Verticals
Gun Doubles – WR Drag	Gun Bunch TE – Mesh	Gun Snugs Flip – Mesh Switch	Singleback Ace Pair – PA Cross Shot	Gun Y Trips Open – Fork	Gun Bunch Wk – Deep Corner
Gun Bunch TE – Inside Switch	Gun Split Close – FB Trail	Strong Tight Pair – Drive	Pistol Y Trips – PA Read	Singleback Pair Tight Twins – Four Verticals	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Four Verticals

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D : 34 ODD – PINCH BUCK 0



RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Pinch Buck 0	44 Split – Engage Eight	34 Over – Sting Pinch	34 Solid – Clamp Double Go	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	Nickel 245 – Silver Shoot Pinch
34 Odd – Cover 4 Mike	44 Split – FS Blitz	34 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	44 Split – LB Fire	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 2 Press	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Mid Blitz

BEST PASS D: 34 ODD – COVER 3 MATCH

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 3 Match	34 Odd – Cover 4 Drop Show 2	34 Odd – Edge Blitz 1	34 Even – Cov 1 QB Contain	Nickel 245 – Cover 4	Dollar 326 – Cover 3 Drop Show 2
34 Odd – Cover 9	34 Odd – Edge Blitz 1	34 Solid – Trio Sky Zone	34 Solid – Clamp Double Go	Nickel 245 – Overload 3	Quarter 137 – Cover 2 Man Spy

GAMEPLAY RATING 82

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 80
Offense: 83
Defense: 83
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Strengths: HB, QB, DT
Weaknesses: FB, LT, MLB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

4th NFC South (6-10-0)
Passing Offense: 17th
Rushing Offense: 5th
Passing Defense: 16th
Rushing Defense: 11th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

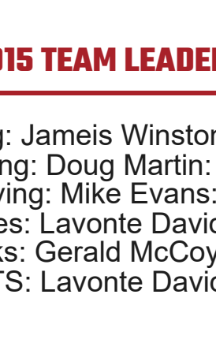
Passing: Jameis Winston: 4,042
Rushing: Doug Martin: 1,402
Receiving: Mike Evans: 1,206
Tackles: Lavonte David: 147
Sacks: Gerald McCoy: 8.5
INTS: Lavonte David: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

DT A.J. Francis
QB Dan LeFevour
LB Daryl Smith

KEY ROOKIES

CB Vernon Hargreaves III
LE Noah Spence
TE Danny Vitale



COACH

Dirk Koetter
Level: 1
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- If you started QB Jameis Winston over Mike Glennon last season, you know you made a good decision, and it's no different this year. Coming off of his rookie year, Winston now has his footing and is ready to lead the team.
- Run the ball with HB Charles Sims III whenever possible. Doug Martin is a better player overall, but Sims will see openings a little better and attack the gaps. Because of the defense you will be facing, this is extremely useful.
- Because of the transactions during the offseason, especially in the WR department, the Buccaneers will need to refocus on building their WRs again. The new additions like Adam Humphries, Donteea Dye Jr., and Kenny Bell are all young and can easily be shaped to fit the Tampa Bay offense rather well. Give them their own roles and upgrade them accordingly.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Zone coverage for the Buccaneers has gotten a little better this year, but you will still need to upgrade the entire coverage team if they want to keep some sort of momentum from last season.
- The Buccaneers have switched to an Attacking 4-3 defense, so adjust accordingly. This is another reason to upgrade the safeties and middle linebackers in your depth chart. Hold your ground and try not to be fooled by the play action fake because recovery will not be easy.
- Gerald McCoy will continue to be the anchor of the defense, and as he looks out for his rookies the team should be in good hands. They have a few players with excellent Shed Block ratings, which will make for a good blitz game as long as you don't telegraph your plays.

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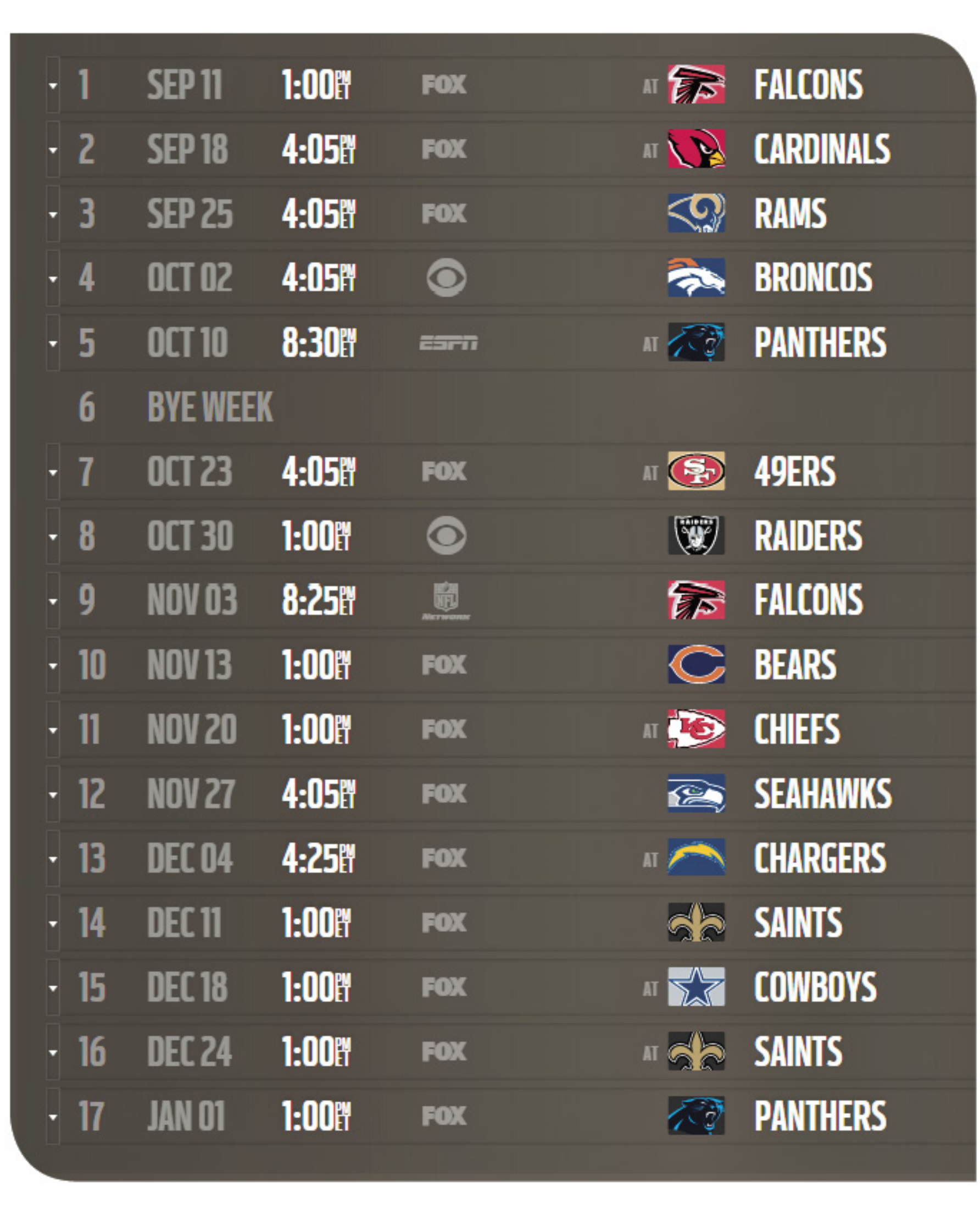

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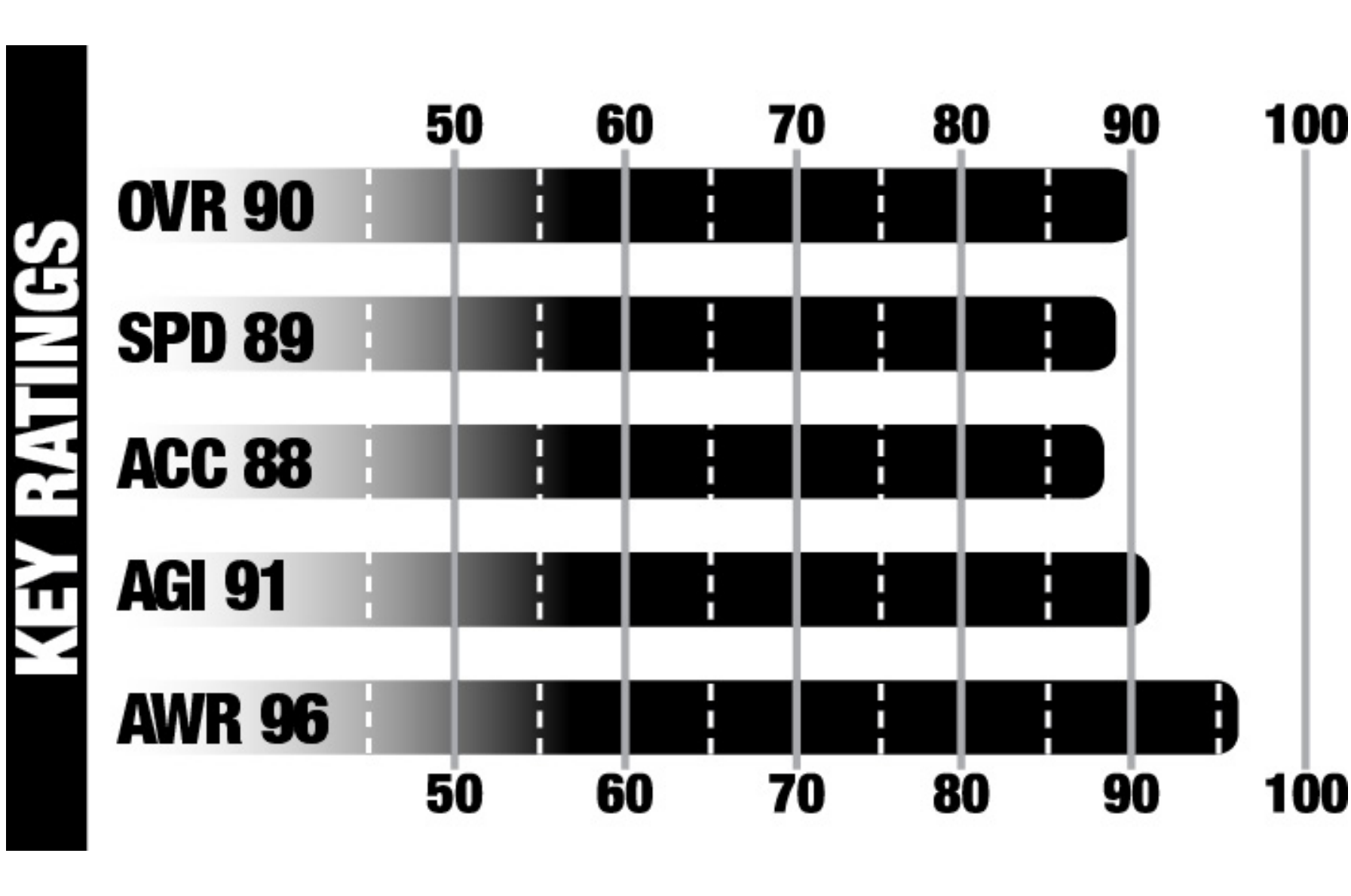
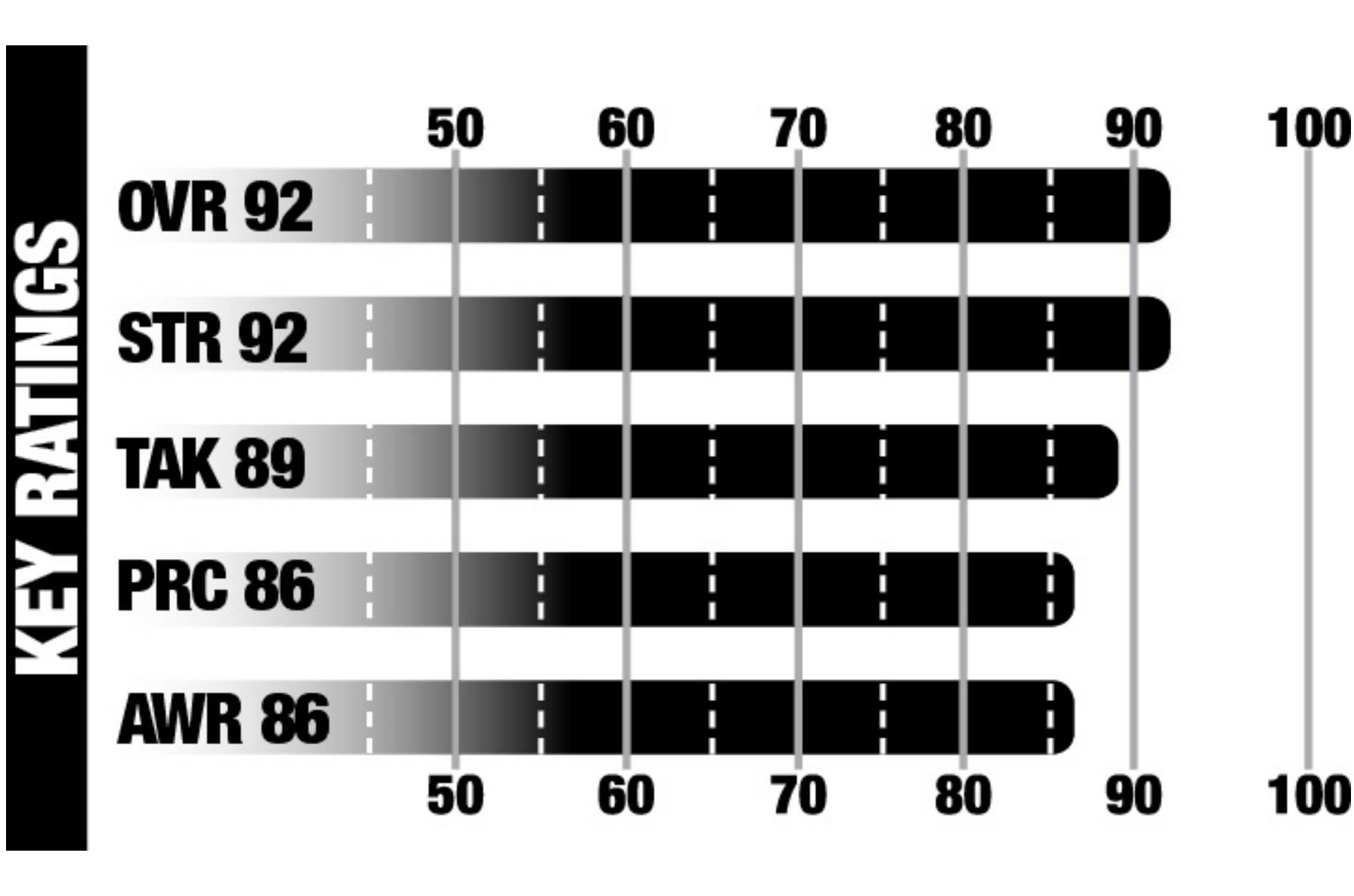
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER
DOUG MARTIN
#22
HB #22 HT 5'9" WT 223 COLLEGE Boise State EXP 4



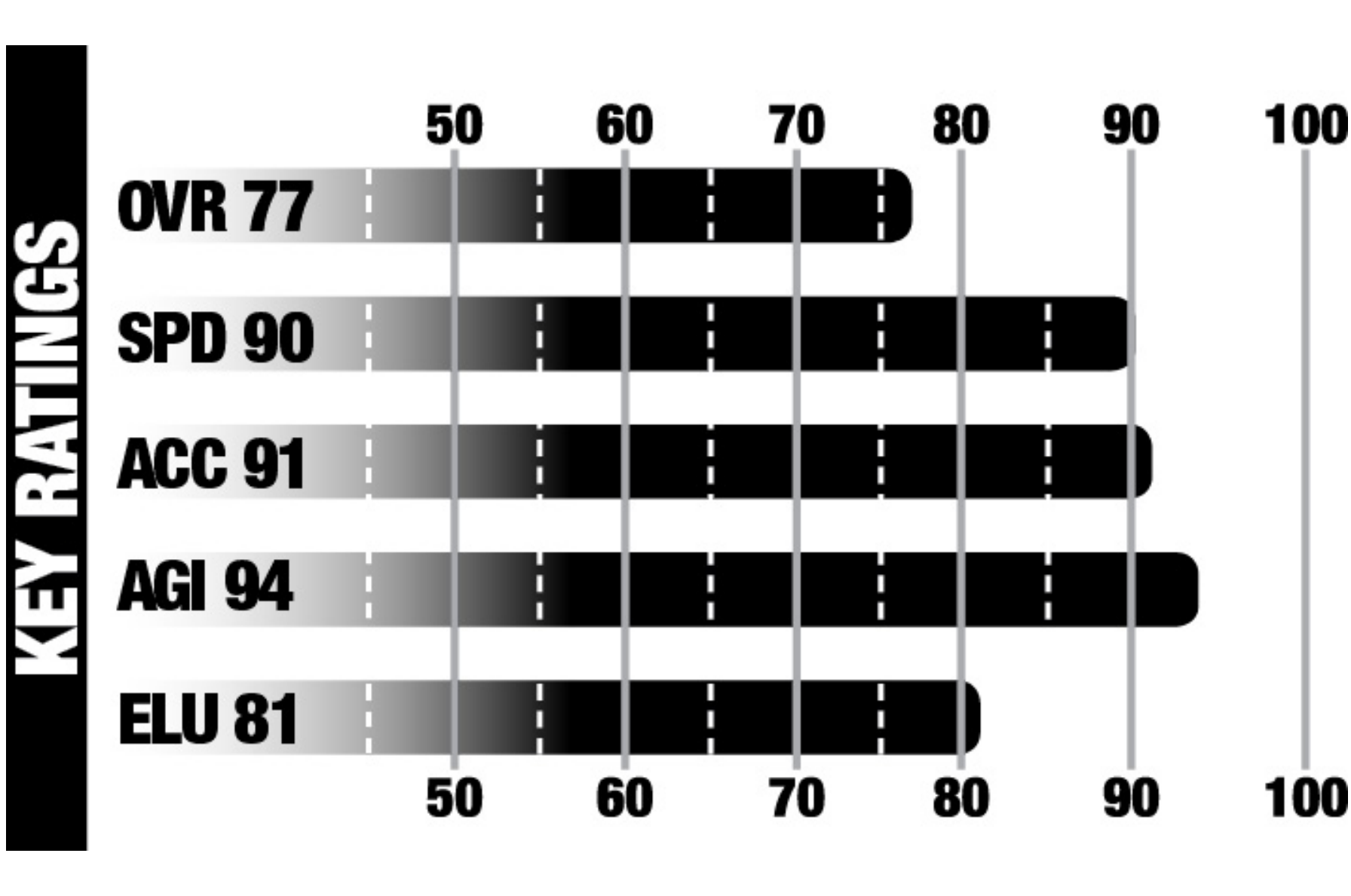
- Martin's Awareness and Agility ratings are extremely high, making him a great candidate for some good yards this season.
- Run Martin outside as much as possible when running plays with him. Both his Speed and Acceleration ratings will beat most defenders. Stiff arm is his biggest strength, so if you're caught while running him outside, use this tactic.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER
GERALD MCCOY
#93
DT #93 HT 6'4" WT 300 COLLEGE Oklahoma EXP 6



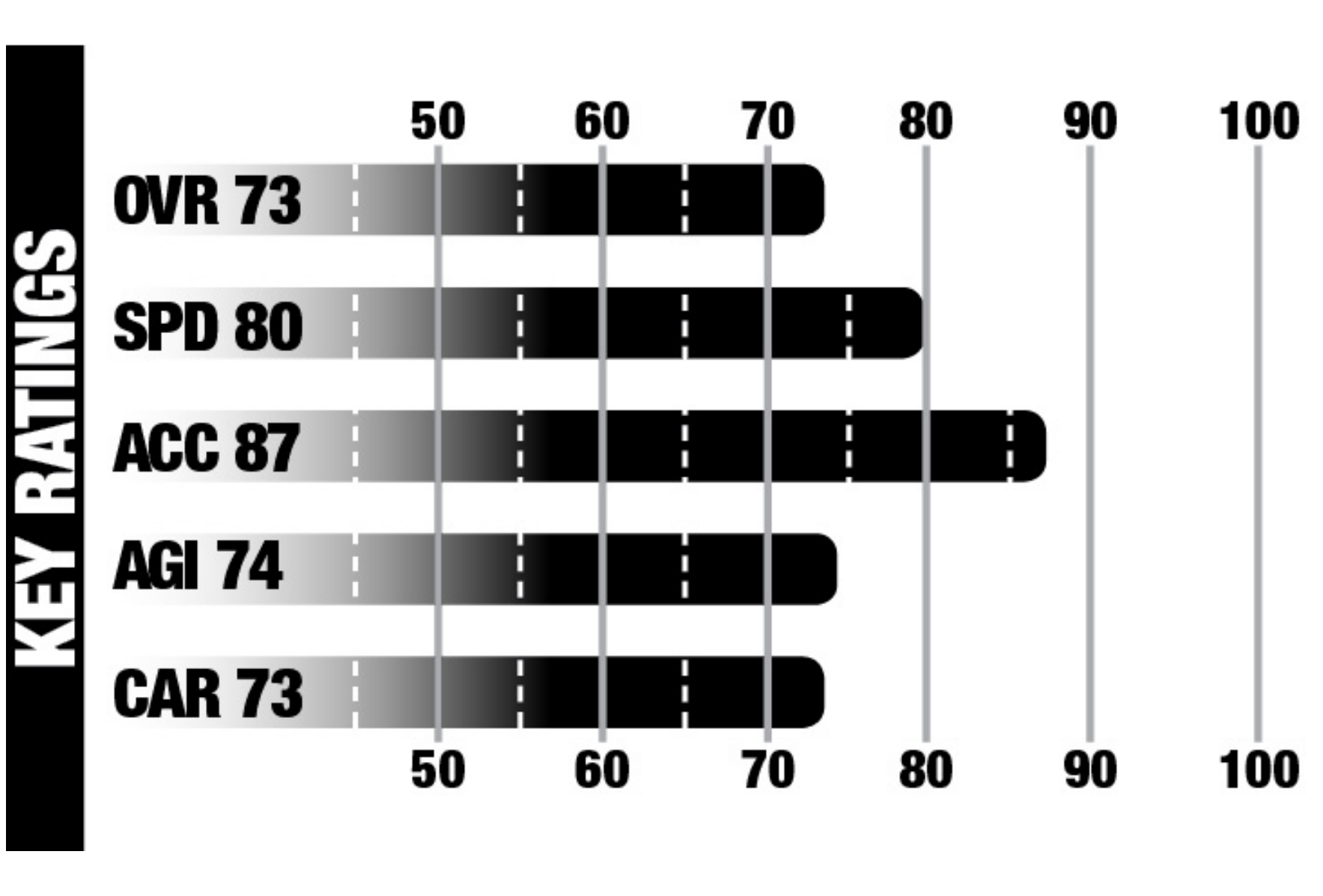
- Playing the safety game, the Buccaneers need a key player like Gerald McCoy to do what he does, which is make tackles. With a solid backfield, McCoy can hold the rushing game on his own.
- McCoy is an intelligent defender who will recognize the play faster than most players. Leaving him to his own devices isn't a bad idea and should give you a good advantage.

KEY ROOKIE
VERNON HARGREAVES III
#28
CB #28 HT 5'10" WT 204 COLLEGE Florida EXP R



- The Buccaneers made lots of great drafts in the offseason and Vernon Hargreaves III is definitely one of the best. Unless his Overall rating becomes a problem, use his speed and agility to cover the backfield and his man.
- Playing man coverage is not something that you should run very often with this defense, but being able to transition and switch between man and zone will be simple with Hargreaves on the field.

KEY SLEEPER
LUKE STOCKER
#88
TE #88 HT 6'6" WT 253 COLLEGE Tennessee EXP 5



- Stocker is an all around great support player. He has an outstanding run block, which is a superb addition to his Acceleration rating, because opening the route could be the difference between a touchdown and nothing at all.
- Run Stocker across the middle with a slant for a quick toss because getting the ball in his hands for a short distance is always good for a few yards.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Jameis	Winston	82
QB	Mike	Glennon	71
QB	Ryan	Griffin	62
QB	Dan	LeFevour	60
HB	Doug	Martin	90
HB	Charles	Sims III	82
HB	Mike	James	71
HB	Storm	Johnson	69
HB	Peyton	Barber	62
WR	Mike	Evans	86
WR	Vincent	Jackson	82
WR	Louis	Murphy	71
WR	Adam	Humphries	67
WR	Russell	Shepard	65
WR	Donteea	Dye Jr.	64
WR	Kenny	Bell	63
WR	Bernard	Reedy	59
WR	Freddie	Martino	58
WR	Evan	Spencer	57
TE	Austin	Seferian-Jenkins	78
TE	Cameron	Brate	75
TE	Luke	Stocker	73
TE	Brandon	Myers	72
TE	Danny	Vitale	69
TE	Kivon	Cartwright	63
TE	Alan	Cross	62
TE	Andrew	DePaola	62
LT	Donovan	Smith	77
LT	Kevin	Pamphile	71
LG	J.R.	Sweezy	76
C	Evan	Smith	75
C	Joe	Hawley	67
C	Josh	Allen	62
RG	Ali	Marpet	77
RG	Caleb	Benenoch	66
RT	Demar	Dotson	79
RT	Gosder	Cherilus	70
RT	Taylor	Fallin	58

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Robert	Ayers Jr.	84
LE	Jacquies	Smith	74
LE	Noah	Spence	71
LE	Howard	Jones	70
LE	Kourtnei	Brown	61
DT	Gerald	McCoy	92
DT	Clinton	McDonald	77
DT	Akeem	Spence	73
DT	Travis	Britz	57
RE	William	Gholston	78
RE	George	Johnson	70
RE	Cliff	Matthews	66
LOLB	Daryl	Smith	82
LOLB	Josh	Keyes	59
MLB	Kwon	Alexander	76
MLB	Adarius	Glanton	61
MLB	Micah	Awe	59
MLB	Cassanova	McKinzy	57
ROLB	Lavonte	David	86
ROLB	Jeremiah	George	68
ROLB	Devante	Bond	62
CB	Brent	Grimes	85
CB	Vernon	Hargreaves III	77
CB	Josh	Robinson	75
CB	Alterraun	Verner	75
CB	Johnthan	Banks	71
CB	Jude	Adjei-Barimah	69
CB	Ryan	Smith	64
FS	Bradley	McDougald	76
FS	Major	Wright	75
SS	Chris	Conte	76
SS	Keith	Tandy	71
SS	Kimario	McFadden	63

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Roberto	Aguayo	79
P	Bryan	Anger	82
P	Jacob	Schu m	78

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN : SINGLEBACK ACE – OUTSIDE ZONE

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I-Form Close – Inside Zone	I-Form Close – HB Toss	I-Form Close – Zone Weak	Goal Line – HB Sting	I-Form Twin TE – HB Toss	Weak I Twins – Strong Stretch
Singleback Ace Pair – HB Smash	I-Form Twin TE – Iso	I-Form Twin TE – FB Dive	Goal Line – FB Dive	Strong I Twin TE – Inside Zone Split	Gun Double Flex – HB Quick Base
Singleback Big – Outside Zone	Singleback Big – HB Slam	Singleback Jumbo – HB Dive	Goal Line – Power O	Strong I Twin TE – HB Toss	Gun Open Trey – Read Option

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I-Form Pro - Mesh	Gun Split Slot – Corner Strike	Gun Split Slot – PA F Slide	Gun Normal – PA Bucs Shot	Gun Bunch Wk – Bucs Sail	Gun Bunch Wk – Corner Strike
Gun Tight Flex – WR Cross	Strong Normal – F Angle	Singleback Y-Trips – Stick	Singleback Big – PA Shot Go&#39;s	Gun Trey Open – Strong Flood	Gun Bunch Wk – Bucs Verticals
Gun Tight Flex – PA Slot Options	Gun Open Trey – Stick Nod	Singleback Y-Trips – Slot Drive	Singleback Doubles – PA Draw Shot	Gun Double Flex – Flanker Dig	Gun Split Slot – Slot Flood

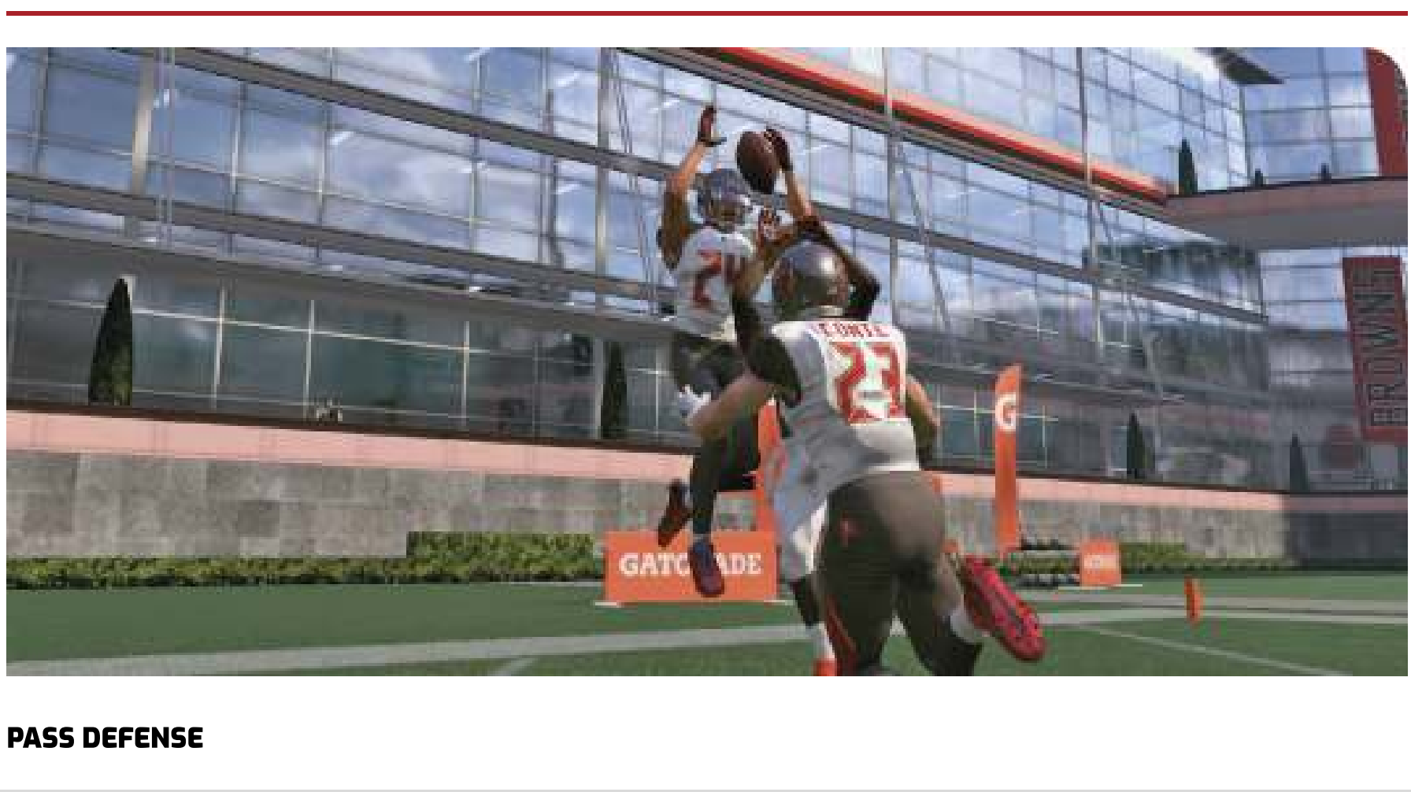
BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D : 4-3 OVER PLUS – COVER 4

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal - 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus - Cover 3 Sky Wk	4-6 Bear Under - Gap Press	Goal Line 5-4-2 - Blitz C	Nickel Normal - Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 - Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal - Cover 3 Cloud Press	4-3 Over Plus - Saw 0 Blast	4-6 Bear Under - LB Dogs	Goal Line 5-4-2 - Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal - Cover 3 Buzz Press	Nickel Wide 9 - Cover 3 Sky Press

BEST PASS D: DOLLAR 3-2-6 COVER 4 QB CONTAIN



PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal - Tampa 2	4-3 Over - Sam Will Blitz	46 Bear Under - Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3-3 - GL Man	4-3 Wide 9 - Cover 3 Sky	Dollar 3-2-6 - Cover 2 Man LB Blitz
4-3 Normal - Cover 3 Press	4-3 Over - Cover 3 Sky Press	46 Bear Under - Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3-3 - Pinch Zone	4-3 Wide 9 - Tampa 2	Dollar 3-2-6 - Cover 3 Sky Press

Teams

Arizona Cardinals

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 85
Offense: 91
Defense: 83
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 3-4
Strengths: QB, WR, FS
Weaknesses: FB, C, LOLB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

1st NFC West (13-3-0)
Passing Offense: 2nd
Rushing Offense: 8th
Passing Defense: 8th
Rushing Defense: 6th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Carson Palmer: 4,671
Rushing: Chris Johnson: 814
Receiving: Larry Fitzgerald: 1,215
Tackles: Deone Bucannon: 112
Sacks: Dwight Freeny: 8
INTS: Tryann Mathieu: 5

KEY ADDITIONS

ROLB Chandler Jones
RG Evan Mathis
HB Chris Johnson

KEY ROOKIES

LE Robert Nkemdiche
P Garrett Swanson
C Evan Boehm

COACH

Bruce Arians
Level: 18
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- As the Cardinals continue to build their offensive line, Carson Palmer will only get more time to throw the ball. Because of the size and speed of the WRs on the team, expect the passing game to be the best the Cardinals have seen in a long time.
- The addition of HB David Johnson has really added to the rushing game for the Cardinals; as they continue to build the bench up again you should see plenty of rushing yards from everyone. HB Chris Johnson led the team in rushing last season and there is no sign of him losing his stride, but you may want to play David instead.
- WR Larry Fitzgerald really stepped up last season and led the team in receiving yards. Expect him to be even better this season, but remember he is not your only option. Between everyone running verticals, you will have at least one open receiver almost every time.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- ROLB Chandler Jones adds both speed and strength to the outside. Still building the defensive line, Jones will keep the outside edge tight and not let too many rushing yards come through on his side. Calais Campbell is still going to stand out as your defense's star, but he will have some more help this season.
- The Cardinals still have a bit of a young team, which is great for upgrading the way you need them to, but they are becoming quite a bit more experienced and running the 3-4 scheme will feel a lot more natural as they settle in to their positions on the team.
- Invest in some Corner Backs this season, especially to give CB Patrick Peterson some support. He still has the size and speed to cover most WRs out there, but support on the other side may become an issue quickly.

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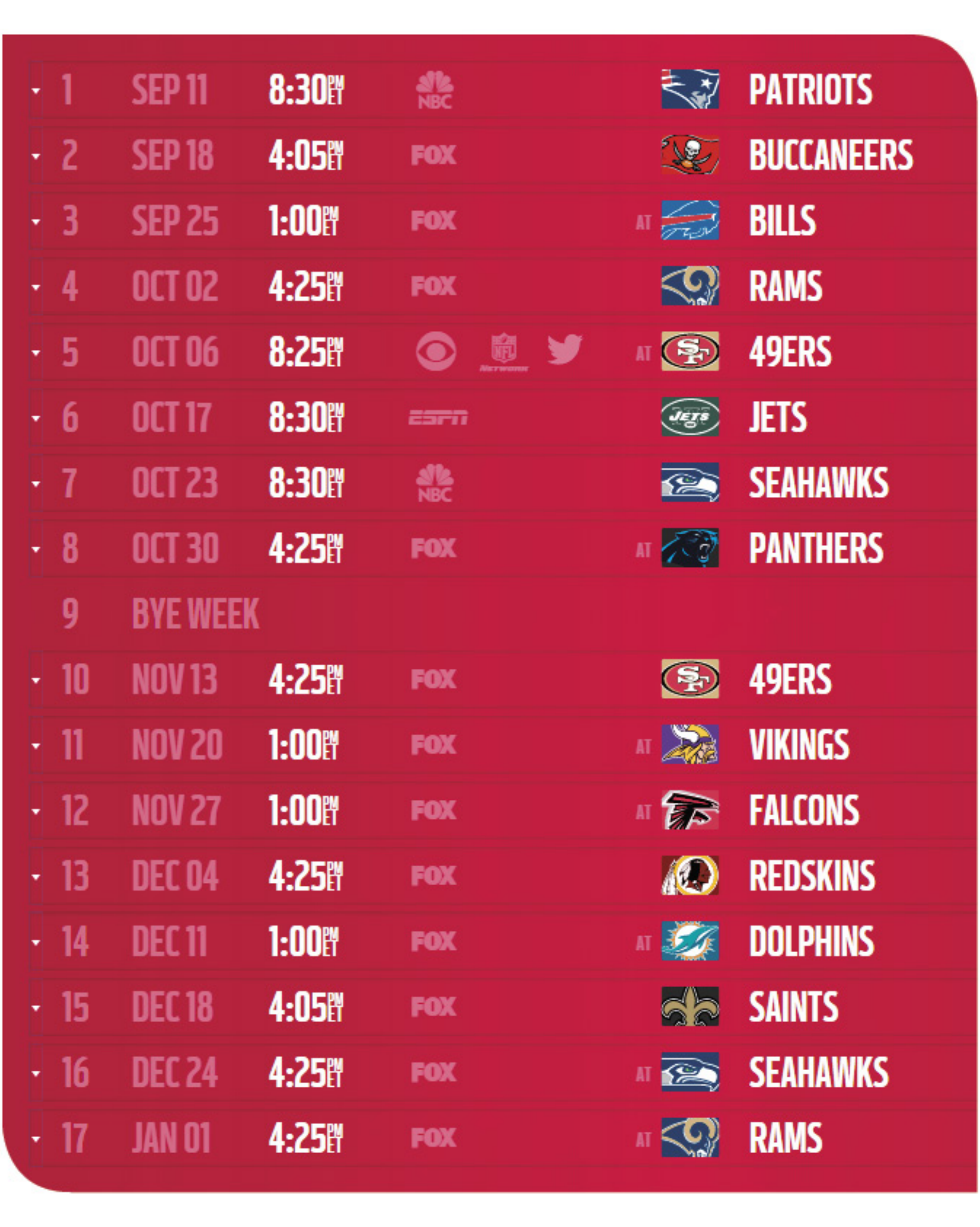

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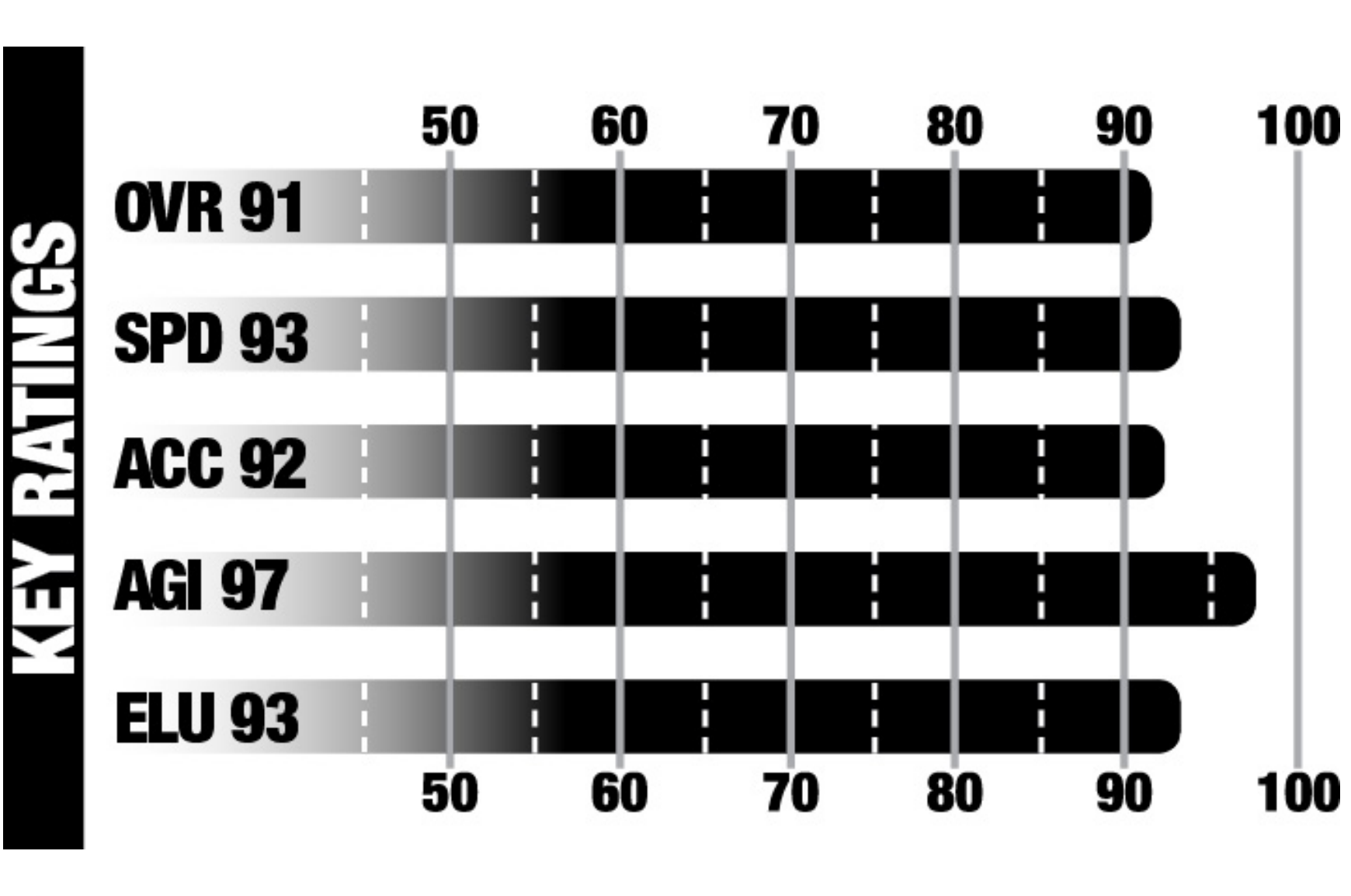
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

LARRY FITZGERALD #21

WR #11 HT 6'3" WT 218 COLLEGE Pittsburgh EXP 12

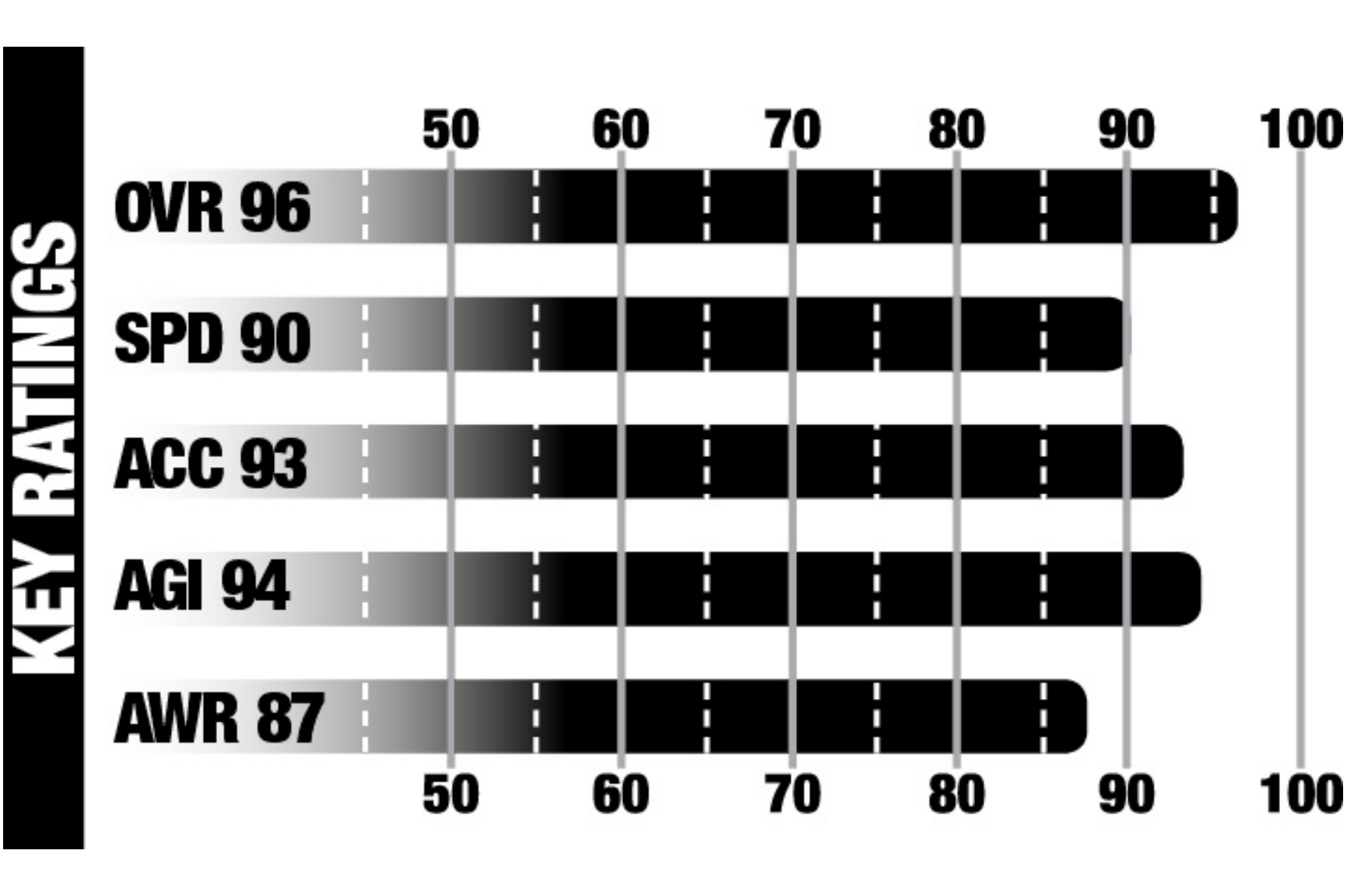


- Fitzgerald led the team in receiving last season and is ready to do it again. With Palmer maintaining a strong line to protect him, expect Fitzgerald's experience and speed to get him open with time to throw to him.
- He is experienced and still extremely fast. Still in his prime, he will be able to use his speed and elusiveness to outrun any CBs attempting to guard him.

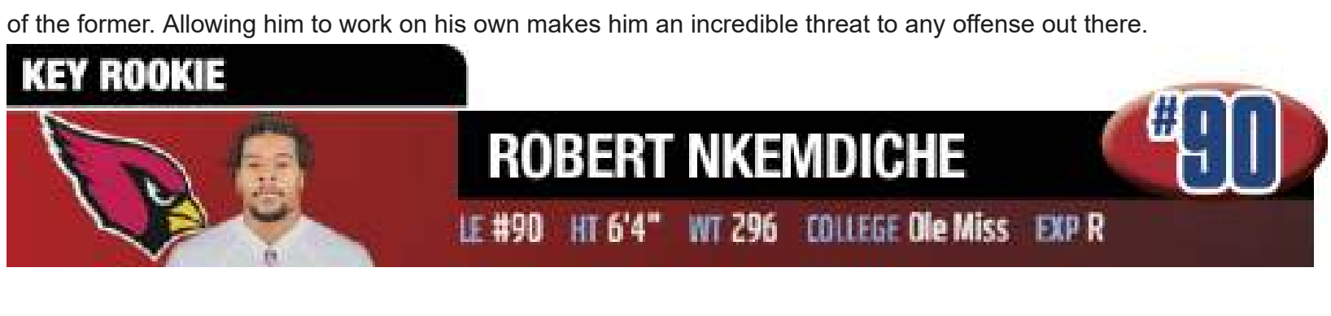
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

TYRANN MATHIEU #32

FS #32 HT 5'9" WT 186 COLLEGE LSU EXP 3



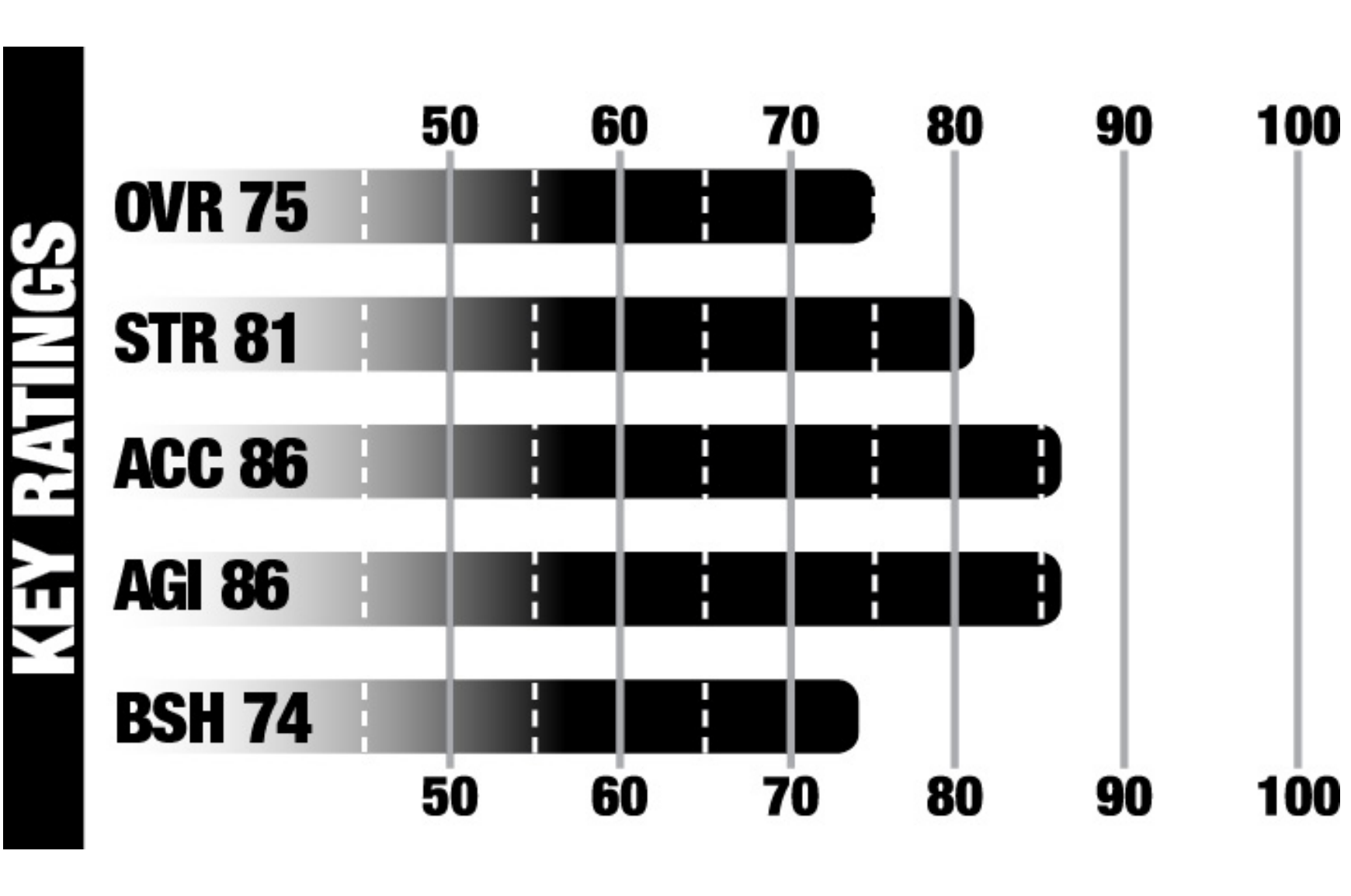
- Quickly becoming the defensive leader for the Cardinals, Mathieu can run the defensive backs by both example and from the field. His Speed and Agility ratings allow you to test the offense and possibly read their play. Use Mathieu as a utility for reading the offense whenever you're unsure.
- Mathieu did not lead the team in tackles last year, but the ratio of solo tackles to assisted ones heavily swayed in favor of the former. Allowing him to work on his own makes him an incredible threat to any offense out there.



KEY ROOKIE

ROBERT NKEMDICHE #90

LE #90 HT 6'4" WT 296 COLLEGE Ole Miss EXP R

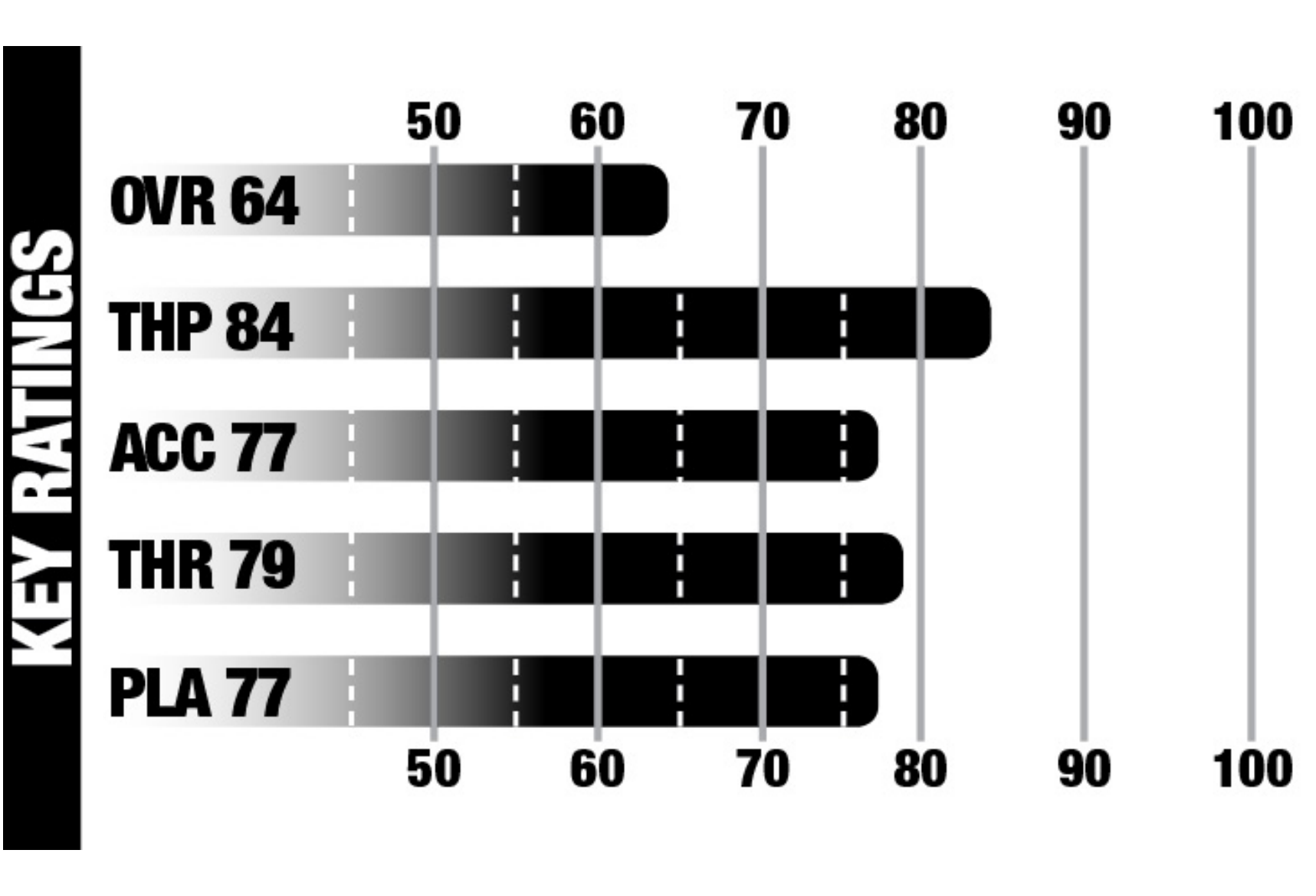


- What sets Nkemdiche apart from most players is his agility and finesse move ability, which will get him anywhere he needs to be in a pinch. Putting him in the right position is key because if he can break through, he will be unstoppable.
- With such a high Strength rating, stopping him will be a challenge, but in conjunction with his agility his threat level to any offense is extremely high.

KEY SLEEPER

MATT BARKLEY #9

QB #9 HT 6'2" WT 227 COLLEGE USC EXP 3



- Barkley is a great candidate to be groomed as Palmer's replacement QB. Begin preparing him as a very mobile QB using his Acceleration and Throw On Run ratings as his major strengths.
- Since his mobility is so high, it might be a good idea to focus on his other major stats to round him out.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Carson	Palmer	89
QB	Drew	Stanton	68
QB	Matt	Barkley	64
QB	Jake	Coker	62
HB	David	Johnson	83
HB	Andre	Ellington	78
HB	Chris	Johnson	75
HB	Stepfan	Taylor	73
HB	Kerwynn	Williams	71
WR	Larry	Fitzgerald	91
WR	John	Brown	86
WR	Michael	Floyd	85
WR	Jaron	Brown	72
WR	J.J.	Nelson	67
WR	Rico	Richardson	65
WR	Brittan	Golden	62
WR	Amir	Carlisle	61
TE	Jermaine	Gresham	84
TE	Troy	Niklas	74
TE	Darren	Fells	73
TE	Ifeanyi	Momah	66
TE	Gerald	Christian	63
TE	Hakeem	Valles	61
TE	Kameron	Canaday	50
LT	Jared	Veldheer	85
LT	Clay	DeBord	60
LG	Mike	Iupati	87
C	A.Q.	Shipley	71
C	Evan	Boehm	67
C	Taylor	Boggs	67
RG	Evan	Mathis	88
RG	Earl	Watford	74
RG	Antoine	McClain	64
RG	Cole	Toner	64
RT	D.J.	Humphries	73
RT	Givens	Price	60

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

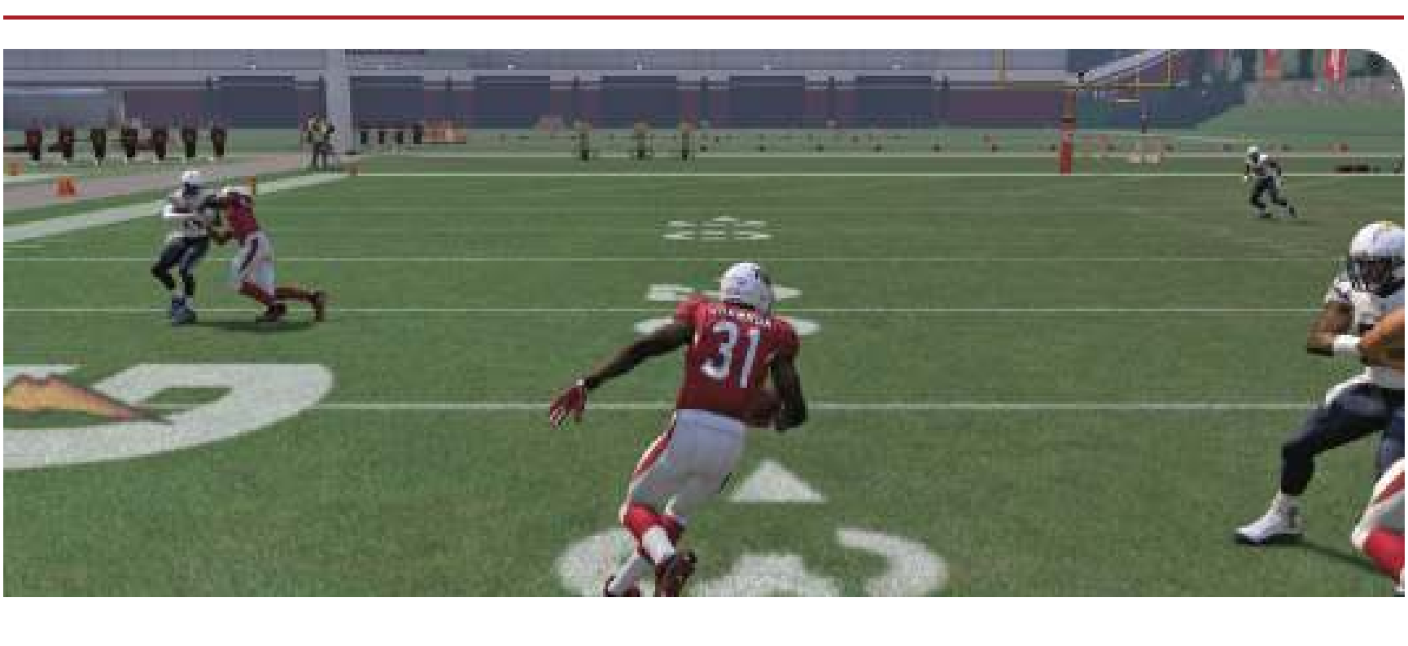
POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Calais	Campbell	88
LE	Robert	Nkemdiche	75
LE	Red	Bryant	73
DT	Corey	Peters	75
DT	Rodney	Gunter	66
DT	Xavier	Williams	60
DT	Olsen	Pierre	59
RE	Frostee	Rucker	76
RE	Ed	Stinson	62
RE	Josh	Mauro	61
LOLB	Alex	Okafor	71
LOLB	Markus	Golden	69
LOLB	Shaq	Riddick	59
MLB	Deone	Bucannon	78
MLB	Kevin	Minter	74
MLB	Daryl	Washington	70
MLB	Alani	Fua	61
MLB	Lamar	Louis	50
ROLB	Chandler	Jones	81
ROLB	Gabe	Martin	64
ROLB	Kareem	Martin	63
CB	Patrick	Peterson	91
CB	Justin	Bethel	74
CB	Asa	Jackson	68
CB	Carrington	Byndom	66
CB	Brandon	Williams	66
CB	Harlan	Miller	62
CB	Cariel	Brooks	59
FS	Tyrann	Mathieu	96
FS	Tony	Jefferson	81
FS	Chris	Clemons	76
FS	Shaun	Prater	72
SS	Tyvon	Branch	81
SS	D.J.	Swearinger	72
SS	Marqui	Christian	64

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Chandler	Catanzaro	80
P	Drew	Butler	76
P	Garrett	Swanson	69

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN : STRONGBACK ACE – HB STRETCH



RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Ace Twins Offset – Inside Zone	I-Form Twins – Iso	I-Form Twin TE – FB Dive	Singleback Big – Stretch	Gun Y-Trips HB Wk – 5 6 Trap	Goal Line – HB Sting
Gun Bunch HB Str – Inside Zone	I-Form Twins – Stretch	I-Form Twin TE – Fake FB Dive HB Toss	Singleback Ace Pair – HB Dive	Gun Y-Trips HB Wk – Outside Zone	Goal Line – HB Toss
Singleback Big – Cards Zone Wk	Gun Doubles – HB Base	I-Form Pro – FB Dive	I-Form Pro – HB Toss	Gun Trey – HB Base	Goal Line – FB Dive

BEST PASS : GUN EMPTY BUNCH WIDE – POST CORNER READ

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Bunch HB Str – Zona Drive	Singleback Jumbo Pair – PA Seam	Gun Ace Twins Offset – Stick	I-Form Twin TE– PA Spot	Singleback Ace Pair – TE Attack	Gun Tight – Zona Seams
Gun Empty Bunch Wide – Post Corner Read	Singleback Twin TE Chief – Four Verticals	Gun Flip Trips – Slants Flat	I-Form Twin TE – X Slant	Singleback Ace Pair – Close PA Sail	Gun Trey – Verticals Y-Drag
Gun Split Close – Close HB Wheel	Strong I Normal – Slants	Gun Flip Trips – Slot Trail	Pistol Twin TE Flex – PA Power O	Gun Y-Trips HB Wk – Y-Drag	Gun Split Close – WR Corner

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D : 4-4 SPLIT – COVER 2 INVERT

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch	3-4 Under – Pinch Buck 0	4-4 Split – Cover 2 Invert	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 2 Man	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 4
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	3-4 Under – Cover 3 Sky	4-4 Split – FS Blitz	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 3 Buzz	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 2 Sink

BEST PASS D: BIG DIME 1-4-6 – COVER 4

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 2 Man	3-4 Even – Tampa 2	3-4 Solid – Sting Pinch	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 2 Sink	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 2 Man
34 Odd – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Even – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Solid – Cover 3 Sky	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 3 Mable	Dime 1-4- 6 – DB Sting

San Diego Chargers

GAMEPLAY RATING 82

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 81
Offense: 85
Defense: 83
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 3-4
Strengths: TE, WR, QB
Weaknesses: FB, SS, LE

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

4th AFC West (4-12-0)
Passing Offense: 4th
Rushing Offense: 31st
Passing Defense: 14th
Rushing Defense: 27th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Philip Rivers: 4,792
Rushing: Melvin Gordon: 641
Receiving: Danny Woodhead: 755
Tackles: Denzel Perryman: 73
Sacks: Melvin Ingram: 10.5
INTS: Jason Verrett: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

TE Jeff Cumberland
SS Jahleel Addae
CB Casey Hayward

KEY ROOKIES

LE Joey Bosa
TE Hunter Henry
P Drew Kaser

COACH

Mike McCoy
Level: 5
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3

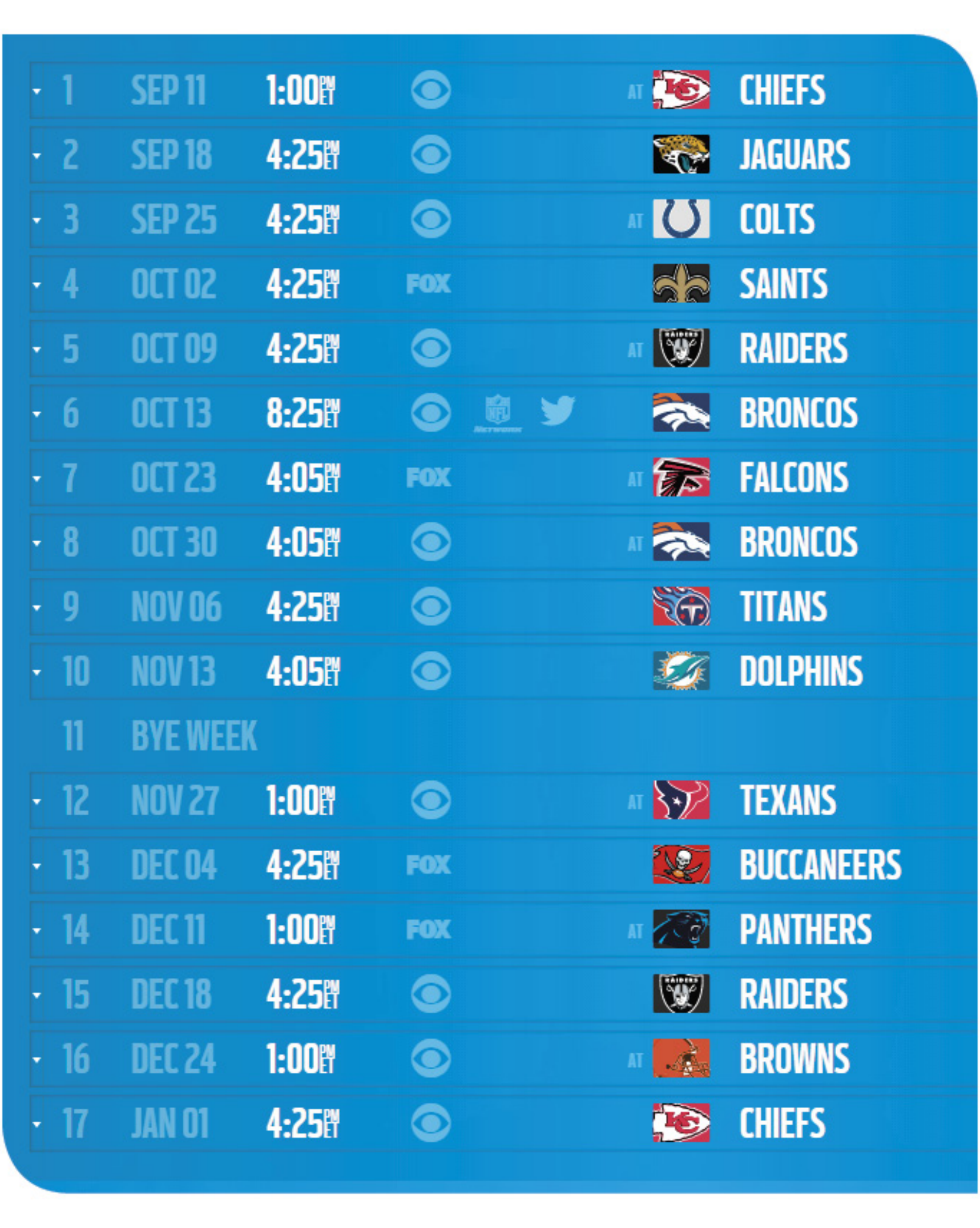
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Philip Rivers is your guy and your leader when you need him most. Rivers is consistent and always ready to take his team all the way. Build up the line and keep him safe in the pocket as much as possible where he can do his job.
- HB Danny Woodhead was second in the HB line up last season, but is not ready to take over as the primary back. Virtually matching Melvin Gordon last year in average yards per carry, resulting in three more touchdowns has proven that Woodhead is capable. Work on his Strength rating throughout the season and he will become a HB capable of shedding the best defenders.
- The Chargers have an arsenal of WRs that give Rivers plenty of opportunities in many different situations. Use Stevie Johnson opposite of Antonio Gates in the red zone to take advantage of the size across the field. Even with Malcom Floyd gone, Keenan Allen has great hands and the agility to match.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Chargers have an excellent cornerstone in RE Corey Liuget. Not only is he solid against the run, but he will also make some sacks and deserves to play on passing downs. In the other two spots, start Tenny Palepoi and Darius Philon who can add major strength to the line.
- LB Melvin Ingram is a great finesse rusher, and just as predicted his sack numbers increased. As he continues his growth, he will only get better. In the middle, you have some solid pieces that are developing into valuable starters, so keep their confidence up.
- The Chargers rebuilt their secondary over the last couple of seasons and allowed themselves to play a balanced man vs. zone because their players can easily switch between both. The only issue is the size against big WRs, especially in the red zone. If a mismatch happens, just add an extra defender to the area.

SCHEDULE



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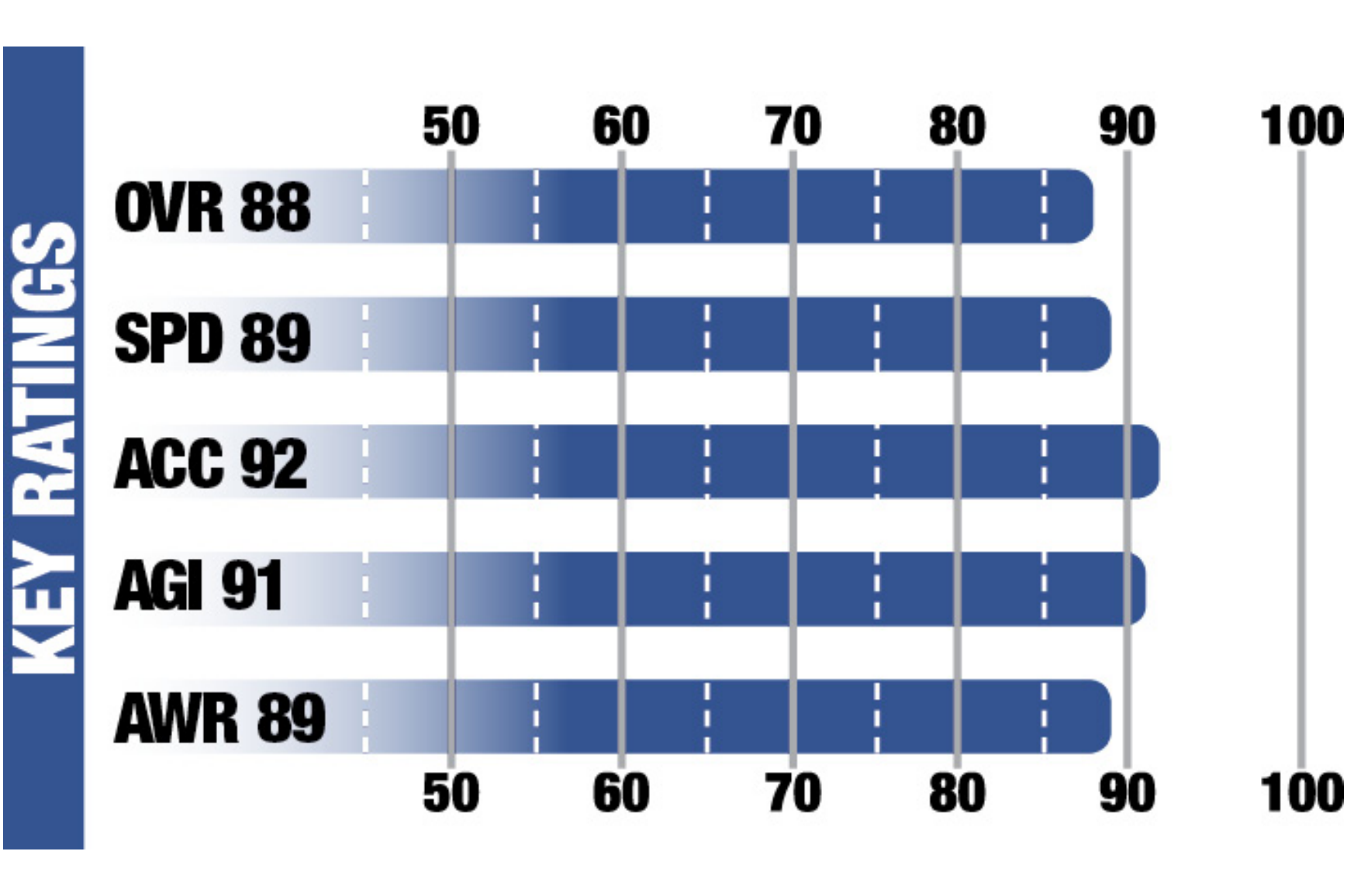
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

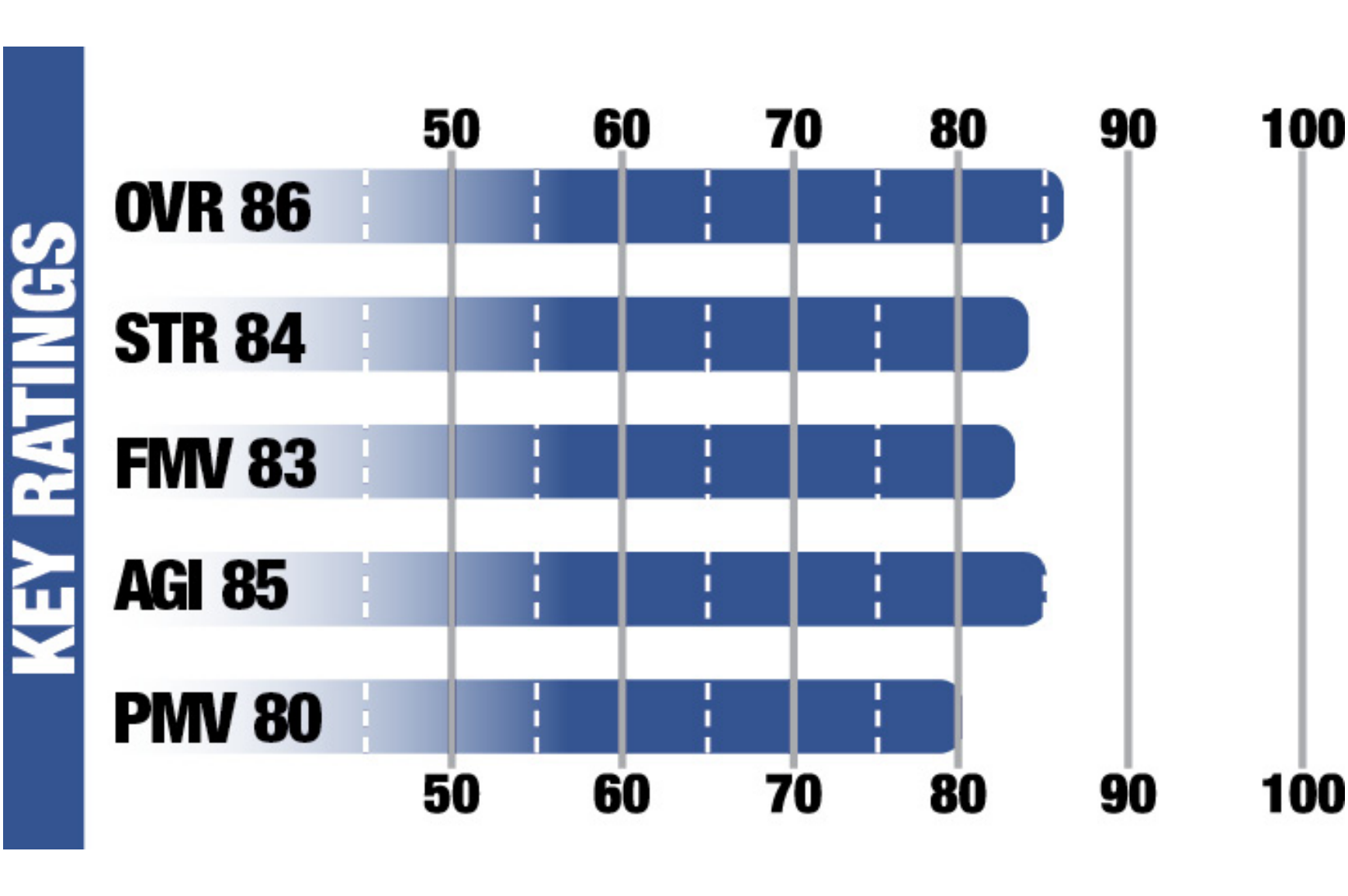
ALLEN KEENAN #13
WR #13 HT 6'2" WT 211 COLLEGE California EXP 3



- Allen Keenan had an outstanding season last year and as Antonio Gates begins to take a position as the emotional leader, Keenan's speed and awareness of the field has made him a star.
- He has the size to take control of the red zone, so matched with his ability to hold onto the ball be sure to look for him while in scoring position.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

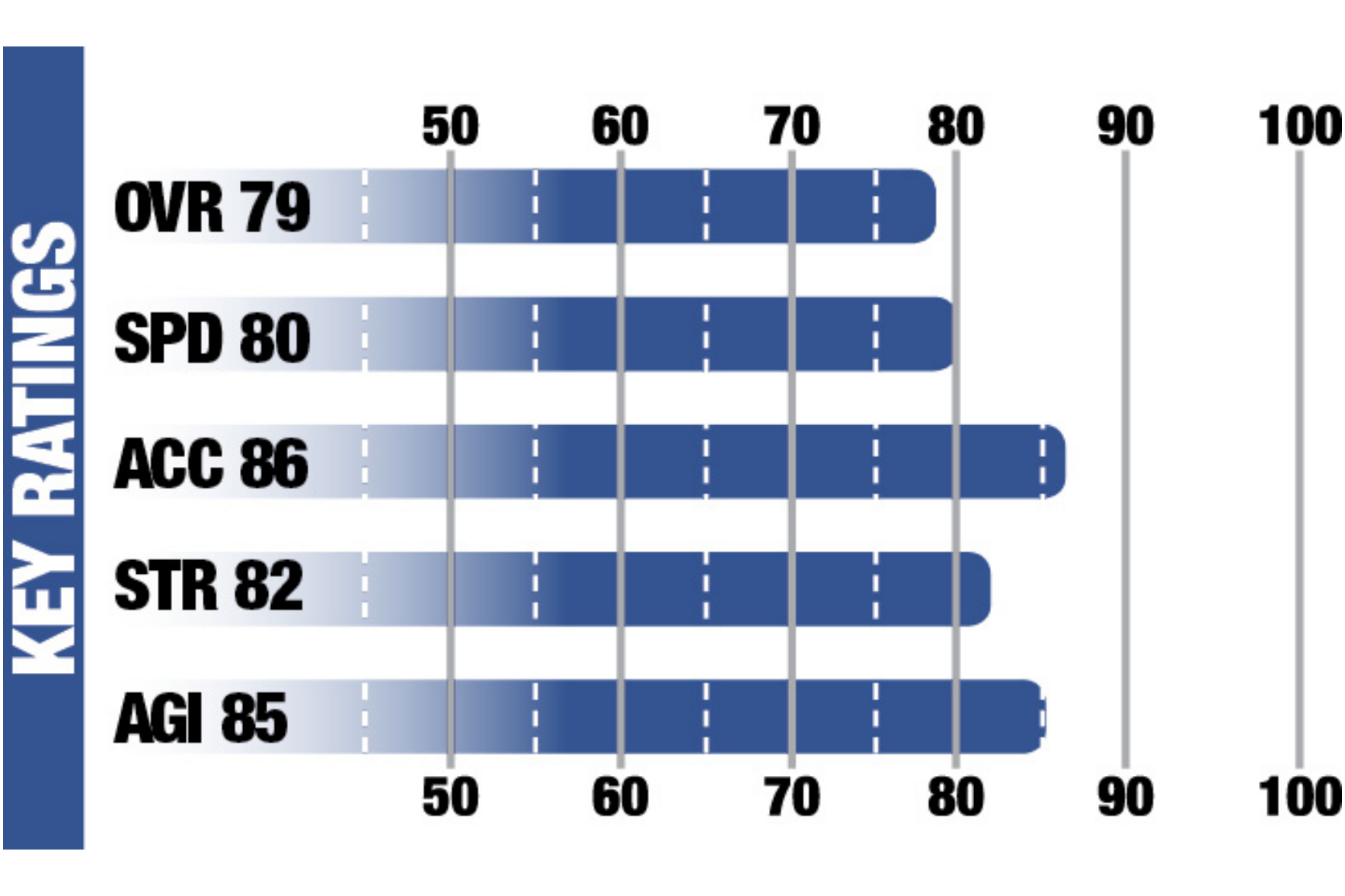
MELVIN INGRAM #54
ROLB #54 HT 6'2" WT 247 COLLEGE South Carolina EXP 4



- Ingram is powerful and in charge of his sector. He will dominate most rushers in his line, especially if he sees the gap.
- Keep building his Strength rating and you may see some forced fumbles from this LB.

KEY ROOKIE

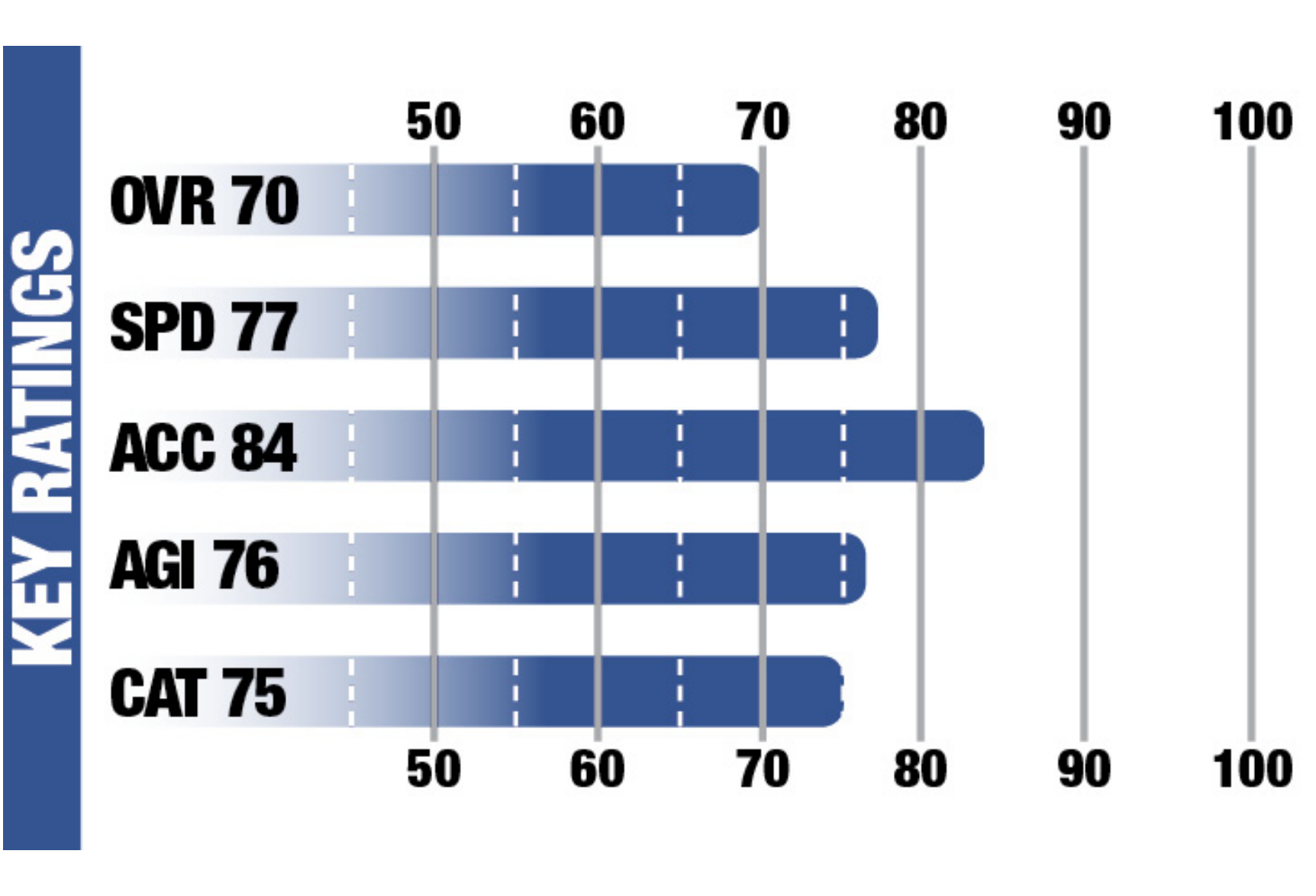
JOEY BOSA #99
LE #99 HT 6'5" WT 280 COLLEGE Ohio State EXP R



- Joey Bosa is big, powerful, and young making him a huge threat to any offensive line. If the offense is not covering the left side or you see a mismatch, it would be a good idea to take advantage.
- His finesse moves will take over the line, so be ready to use this and you'll have a chance at the QB almost every time.

KEY SLEEPER

SEAN MCGRATH #84
TE #84 HT 6'5" WT 259 COLLEGE Henderson St. EXP 3



- McGrath has the size and acceleration to take over for Antonio Gates, but he may need a little more growth.
- Getting off the line is not a problem, so using him to run slants for a quick toss will get you a few yards, not to mention he can catch the ball if you throw it to him.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Philip	Rivers	84
QB	Kellen	Clemens	68
QB	Zach	Mettenberger	66
QB	Mike	Bercovici	63
HB	Danny	Woodhead	82
HB	Branden	Oliver	79
HB	Melvin	Gordon	76
HB	Kenneth	Farrow	61
HB	Dreamius	Smith	61
FB	Derek	Watt	71
FB	Chris	Swain	61
WR	Keenen	Allen	88
WR	Travis	Benjamin	78
WR	Stevie	Johnson	77
WR	Dontrolle	Inman	72
WR	Javontee	Herndon	67
WR	Torrence	Allen	63
WR	Deandre	Reaves	62
WR	Tyrell	Williams	62
WR	Isaiah	Burse	61
WR	Jamaal	Jones	61
TE	Antonio	Gates	85
TE	Hunter	Henry	78
TE	Jeff	Cumberland	72
TE	Sean	McGrath	70
TE	Asante	Cleveland	68
TE	Mike	Windt	55
LT	King	Dunlap	82
LG	Chris	Hairston	70
LG	Orlando	Franklin	72
C	Kenny	Wiggins	66
C	Matt	Slauson	84
C	Chris	Watt	69
C	Max	Tuerk	68
C	Trevor	Robinson	65
C	Spencer	Pulley	58
RG	D.J.	Fluker	74
RG	Donavon	Clark	61
RT	Joe	Barksdale	80
RT	Tyreek	Burwell	63
RT	Tyler	Johnstone	62

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

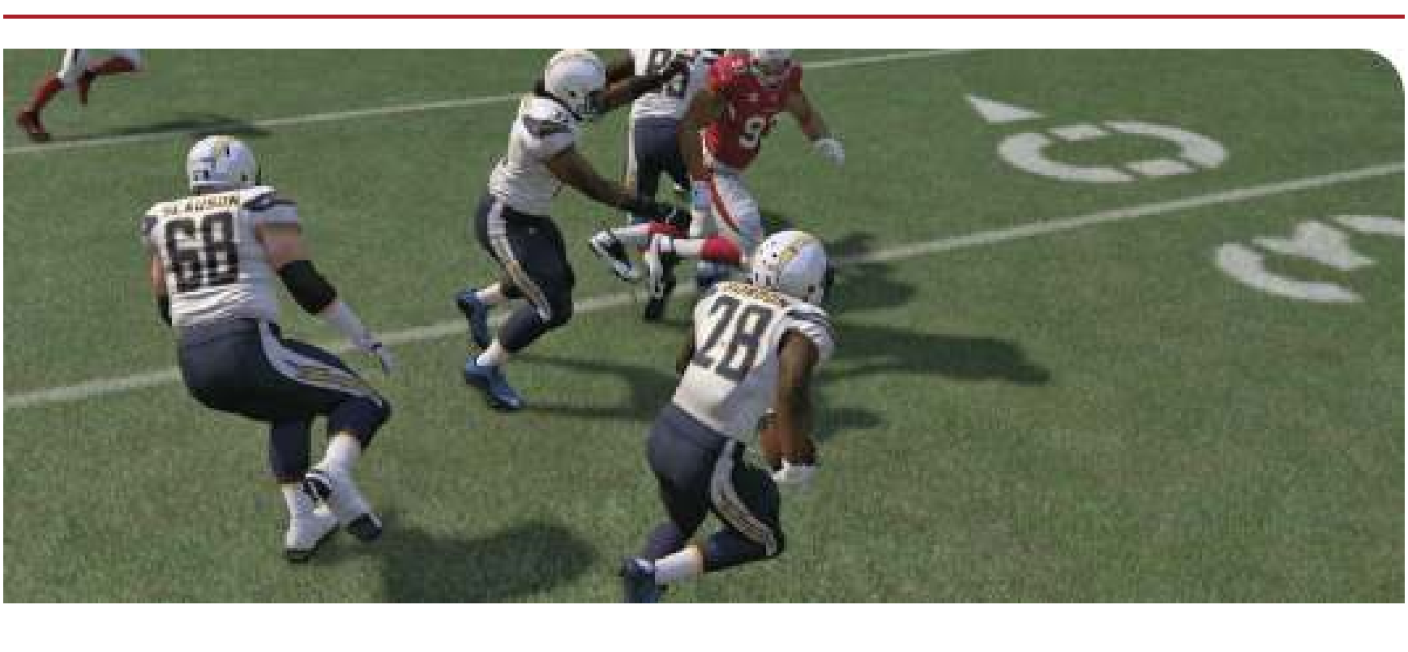
POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Joey	Bosa	79
LE	Darius	Philon	65
DT	Brandon	Mebane	80
DT	Sean	Lissemore	72
DT	Ryan	Carrethers	68
RE	Corey	Liuget	77
RE	Tenny	Palepoi	65
RE	Damion	Square	62
LOLB	Jeremiah	Attaochu	81
LOLB	Jatavis	Brown	65
LOLB	Tourek	Williams	64
LOLB	Tyler	Marcordes	62
MLB	Denzel	Perryman	76
MLB	Manti	Te'o	75
MLB	Joshua	Perry	66
MLB	Nick	Dzubnar	62
ROLB	Melvin	Ingram	86
ROLB	Kyle	Emanuel	69
ROLB	Shaq	Petteway	63
ROLB	Chris	Landrum	57
CB	Jason	Verrett	88
CB	Casey	Hayward	84
CB	Brandon	Flowers	78
CB	Steve	Williams	71
CB	Craig	Mager	69
CB	Terrell	Chestnut	60
CB	Larry	Scott	59
FS	Dwight	Lowery	79
FS	Darrell	Stuckey	72
FS	Adrian	Phillips	67
SS	Jahleel	Addae	74

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Josh	Lambo	76
P	Drew	Kaser	76

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN : SINGLEBACK ACE - STRETCH



RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Tight Doubles – HB Dive	I Form Pro – Inside Zone	Singleback Tight Doubles – Close HB Toss	I Form Tight Pair – FB Dive	Strong Pro – Lead Draw	Gun Split Y Flex – HB Off Tackle
Gun Doubles Wk – Inside Zone	I Form Pro Twins – HB Toss	I Form Tight – Power O	I Form Tight Pair – Iso	Gun Y Trips Wk – HB Base	Gun Trips TE – Inside Zone
Strong Pro – Stretch	Gun Doubles Wk – 01 Trap	Weak Tight Pair – FB Dive	I Form Tight Pair – Strong Stretch	Gun Y Trips Open – HB Off Tackle	Gun Trips TE – HB Counter

BEST PASS : GUN TRIPS Y-FLEX TIGHT - VERTICALS

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Tight Doubles – Close Cross	Singleback Jumbo – X Post	Singleback Jumbo – Mesh	Pistol Doubles – PA Zone Shot	Singleback Tight Doubles – Close Under	Gun Y Trips Open – Go DBL Post
Gun Doubles Wk – Ins Y Corner	Gun Doubles Wk – Double Cross	Gun Doubles Wk – Curl Flat	Gun Trips TE – PA Shot Wheel	Gun Doubles Wk – Corner Strike	Gun Trips TE – Verticals
Gun Y Trips Open – Slot Fork	Gun Trips TE – Curl Flat	I Form Pro Twins – PA FB Flat	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – PA Shot Crossers	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – Verticals	Gun Bunch Wk – Deep Corner

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D : 4-4 OVER ED – SAM CRASH 3

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Over Ed – OLB Fire Man	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Over – Cover 1 QB Contain	Goal Line 533 – 60 Gap Pinch	Nickel 245 Even – Cover 1 SS Blitz	Nickel 335 – Cover 4 Drop
34 Over Ed – Cover 4	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 2 Press	34 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	Goal Line 533 – GL Man	Nickel 245 Even – Safety Strong 3	Nickel 335 – Cover 1 Contain Spy

BEST PASS D: NICKEL 3-3-5 WIDE – COVER 4 SHOW 2

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Over Ed – Cover 2 Sink	34 Under – Cover 3 Buzz Show 2	Nickel 245 Even – Cover 1 Robber Press	34 Solid – Strike Spy 2	Nickel 335 – Loop Crash 2	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 3 Match
34 Over Ed – Cover 2 Hard Flat	34 Over – Cover 6 Press	34 Odd – Cover 3 Hard Flat	34 Solid – Cover 4	Nickel 245 Even – Cover 2 Buster	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 2 Man

Kansas City Chiefs

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 86
Offense: 81
Defense: 93
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Strengths: HB, TE, FS
Weaknesses: LG, RG, CB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

2nd AFC West (11-5-0)
Passing Offense: 30th
Rushing Offense: 6th
Passing Defense: 9th
Rushing Defense: 8th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Alex Smith: 3,486
Rushing: Charcandrick West: 3,486
Receiving: Jeremy Maclin: 1,088
Tackles: Derrick Johnson: 116
Sacks: Justin Houston: 7.5
INTS: Marcus Peters: 8

KEY ADDITIONS

WR Mike Williams
SS Stevie Brown

KEY ROOKIES

LE Chris Jones
CB KeiVarae Russell
CB Eric Murray

COACH:

Andy Reid
Level: 21
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 3-4

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Alex Smith is average across the board. He won't win you many games, but with a solid rushing attack and sound defense, he won't lose you any either. Keep Smith as your starter until his Throw Power rating dips below 80.
- The Chiefs should rely on HB Jamaal Charles as much as possible; however, Spencer Ware is a great short-yardage back who can keep the chains moving and give Charles a rest.
- Continuing to upgrade WR Jeremy Maclin should make the rushing game easier. Kelce is also a very solid run blocker and should almost always be on the field. Continue to develop the young talent at WR and the Chiefs' lineup will gradually become more explosive.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The defensive line for the Chiefs is strong and will do a great job against the run. DT Dontari Poe will shut down running lanes in the middle with his 97 Strength rating. LE Allen Bailey's contract is up at the end of the season, and we think you should let him test free agency.
- The Chiefs' LBs are tops in the NFL for all-around talent and rushing the passer. Continue to work on finesse moves for LE Dee Ford so he can fill in for anyone who gets injured or can't be signed long term.
- Having Tamba Hali on the defensive roster again this season will help build up the outside line and protect from the outside run. His experience in the league will quickly turn him into a leader, just continue to upgrade his already high ratings and he will serve your defense well.

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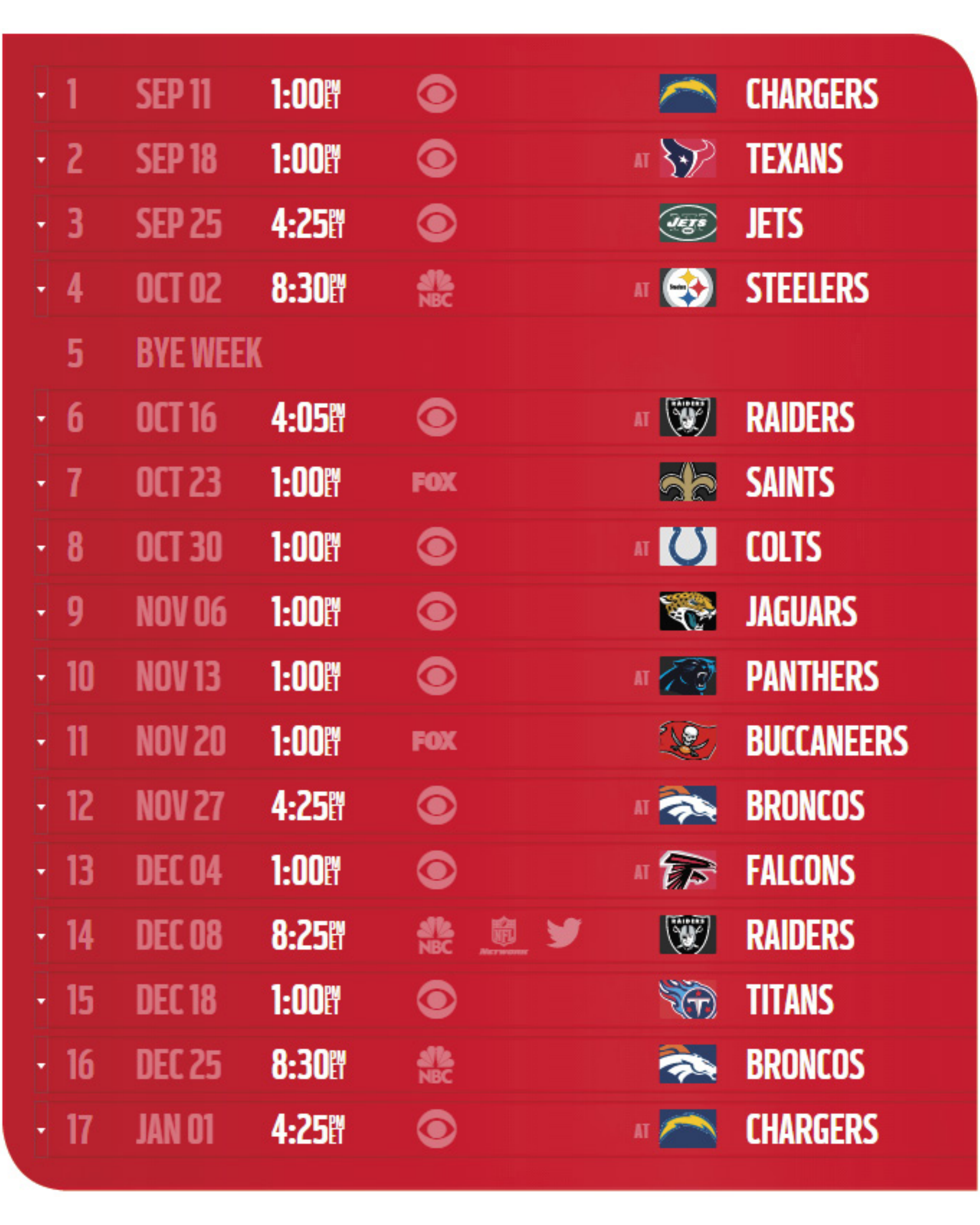

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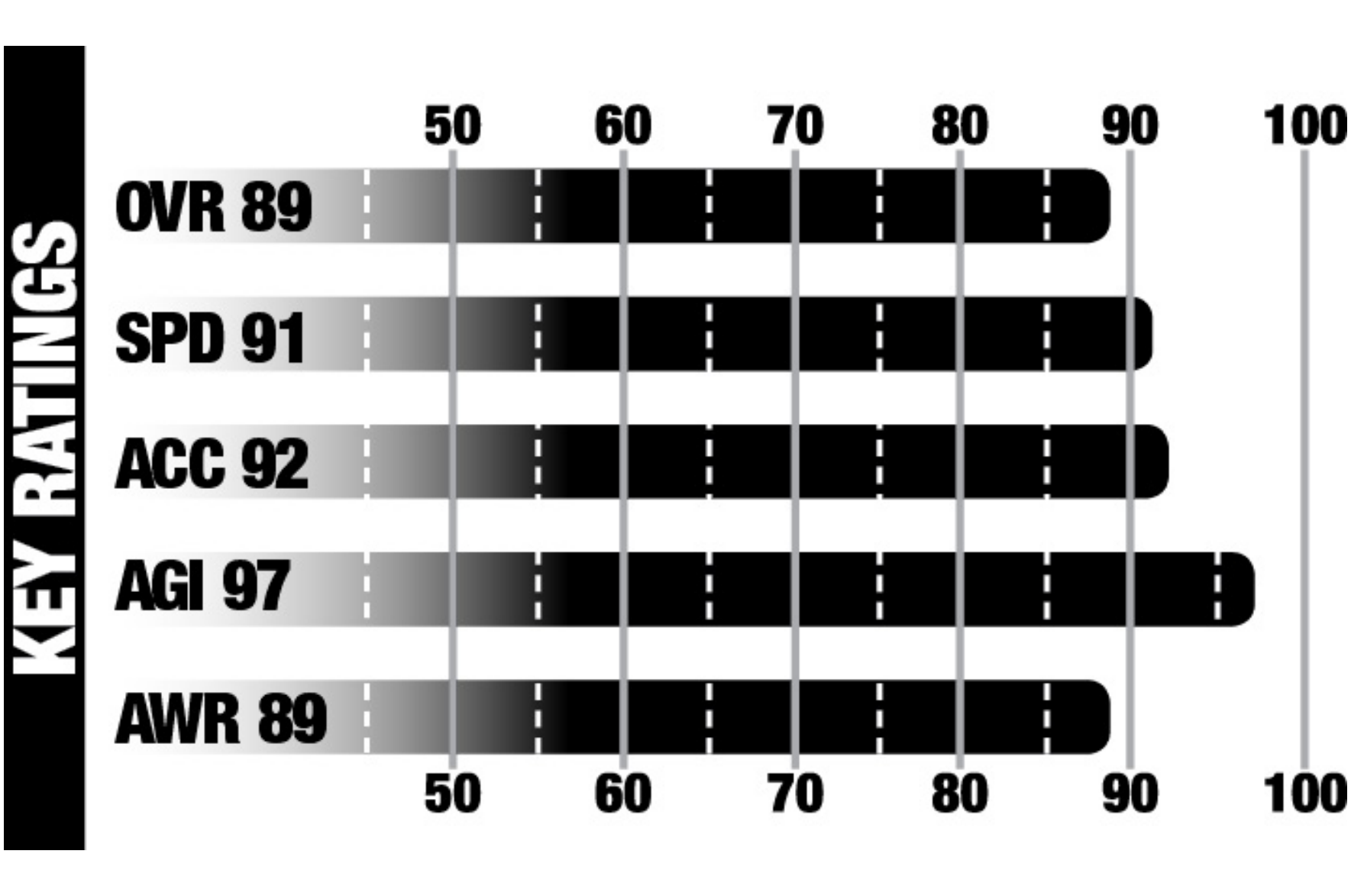
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

JAMAAL CHARLES #25

HB #25 HT 5'11" WT 199 COLLEGE Texas EXP 8

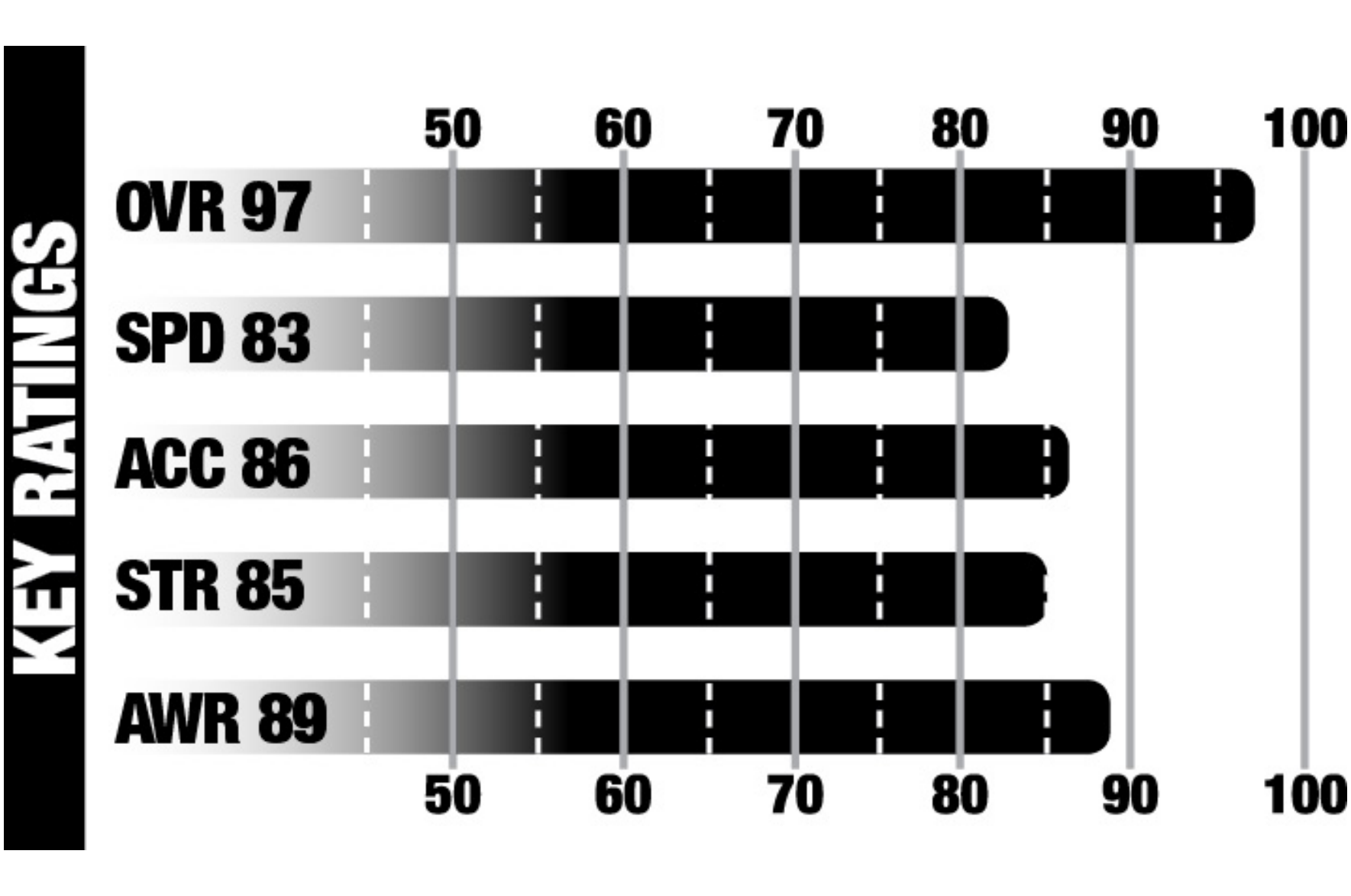


- Charles has a decent Catching rating of 72, which is more than many WRs in the league.
- Utilize Charles on an every-down basis until he needs a rest. His juke is the best way to beat a defender in the open field if you can't simply outrun him.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

JUSTIN HOUSTON #50

LOLB #50 HT 6'3" WT 258 COLLEGE Georgia EXP 5

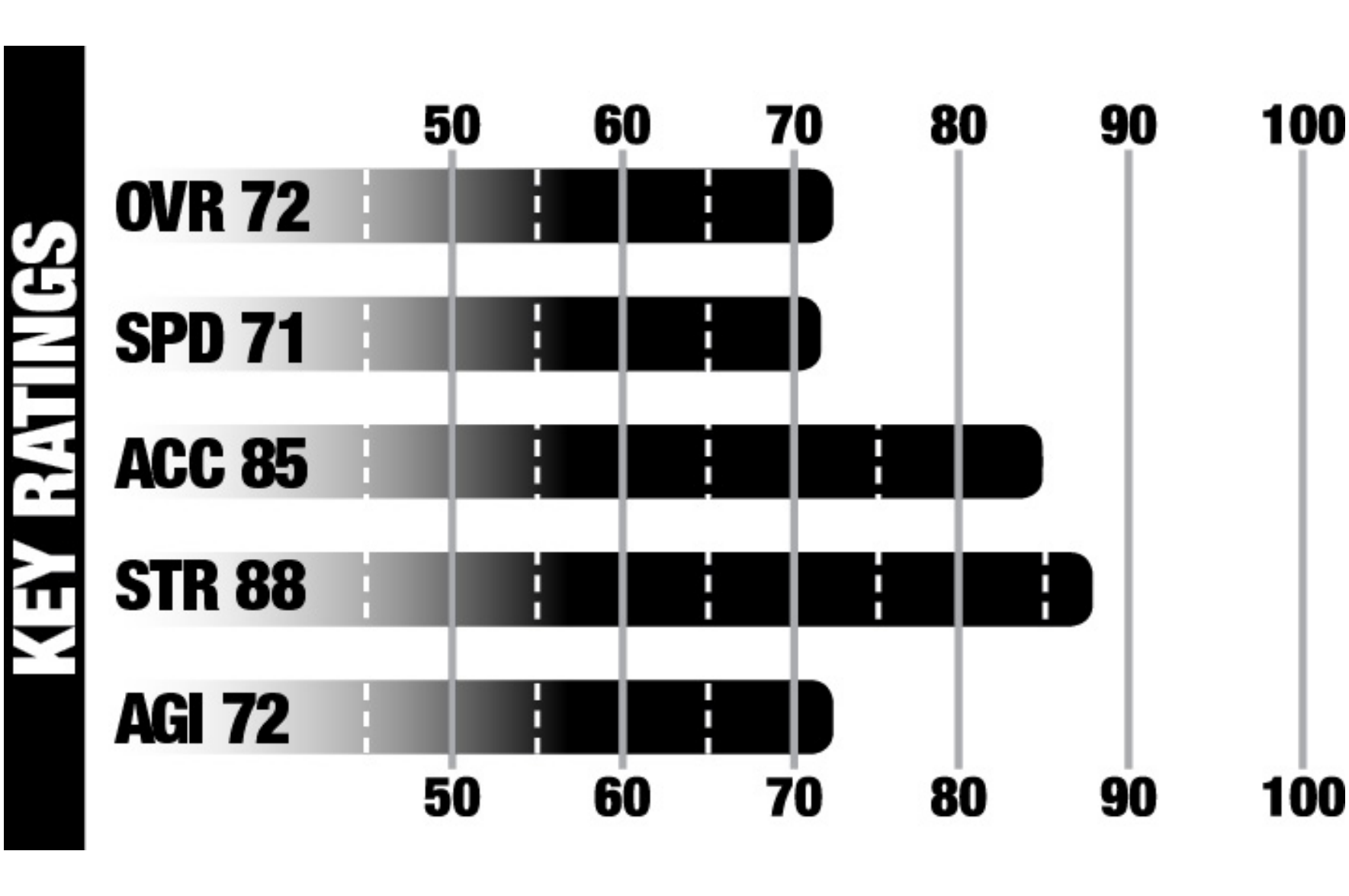


- Houston is the best pass-rushing LB in the NFL. Don't worry about his matchup or even double teams.
- Houston benefits from Tamba Hali on the other side, but he's also an excellent run defender with great ability to shed blocks.

KEY ROOKIE

CHRIS JONES #95

LE #95 HT 6'6" WT 310 COLLEGE Mississippi St. EXP R

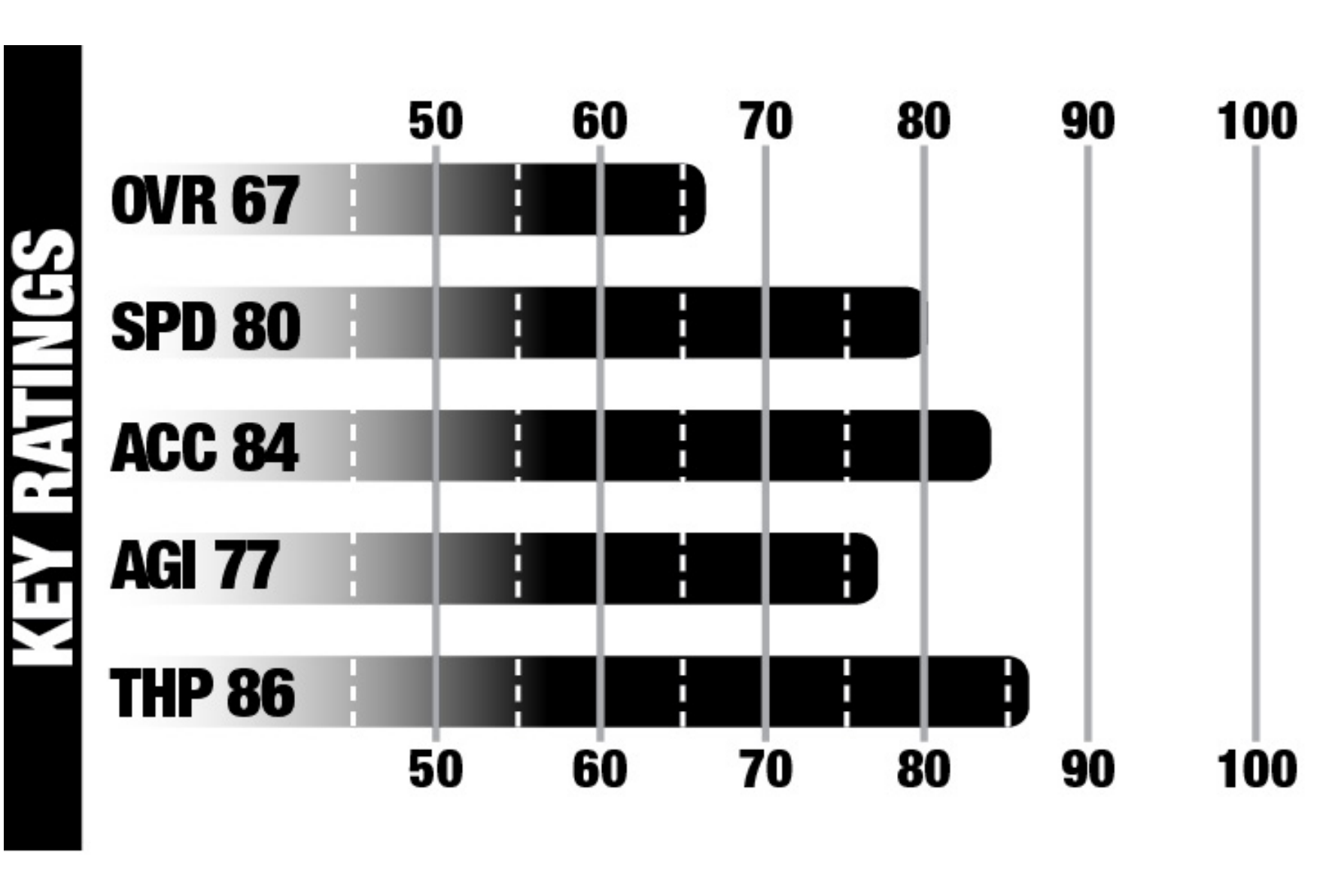


- Jones has an excellent Strength rating, allowing him to shed blocks and break through for a high tackle rate.
- Work on his finesse move to pair it with his Tackle rating and you might see a surprising amount of sacks from him this season.

KEY SLEEPER

KEVIN HOGAN #8

QB #8 HT 6'3" WT 218 COLLEGE Stanford EXP R



- Kevin Hogan has an extremely high Throw Power rating, making him a great candidate to take over for Alex Smith within the next few seasons.
- Hogan is quick and agile, making him mobile if the pocket is compromised.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Alex	Smith	82
QB	Kevin	Hogan	67
QB	Aaron	Murray	63
QB	Tyler	Bray	62
HB	Jamaal	Charles	89
HB	Spencer	Ware	75
HB	Charcandrick	West	75
HB	Knile	Davis	72
FB	Anthony	Sherman	81
FB	Trey	Millard	64
WR	Jeremy	Maclin	86
WR	Mike	Williams	75
WR	Albert	Wilson	74
WR	Rod	Streater	72
WR	Chris	Conley	70
WR	De'Anthony	Thomas	70
WR	Tyreek	Hill	65
WR	Demarcus	Robinson	65
WR	Frankie	Hammond	63
WR	Seantavius	Jones	60
WR	Mitch	Mathews	60
TE	James	O'Shaughnessy	68
TE	Demetrius	Harris	66
TE	Brian	Parker	65
TE	James	Winchester	48
LT	Eric	Fisher	78
LG	Parker	Ehinger	66
LG	Jarrod	Pughsley	64
C	Mitch	Morse	73
C	Zach	Fulton	68
C	Drew	Nowak	66
C	Daniel	Munyer	63
RG	Laurent	Duvernay-Tardif	71
RG	Jordan	Devey	66
RT	Mitchell	Schwartz	86
RT	Jah	Reid	72
RT	Reid	Fragel	71

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Jaye	Howard	83
LE	Chris	Jones	72
LE	Rakeem	Nunez-Roches	60
DT	Dontari	Poe	85
DT	Alameda	Ta'amu	71
DT	David	King	67
RE	Allen	Bailey	79
RE	Nick	Williams	68
RE	Jimmy	Staten	56
LOLB	Justin	Houston	97
LOLB	Frank	Zombo	71
LOLB	Dezman	Moses	65
LOLB	Dadi	Nicolas	63
MLB	Derrick	Johnson	90
MLB	Josh	Mauga	77
MLB	Ramik	Wilson	65
MLB	D.J.	Alexander	56
ROLB	Tamba	Hali	90
ROLB	Dee	Ford	73
ROLB	Jonathan	Massaquoi	72
ROLB	Andy	Mulumba	67
CB	Marcus	Peters	82
CB	Phillip	Gaines	75
CB	Marcus	Cooper	71
CB	Steven	Nelson	70
CB	KeiVarae	Russell	70
CB	Eric	Murray	68
CB	D.J.	White	63
CB	Deveron	Carr	59
FS	Eric	Berry	93
FS	Daniel	Sorensen	69
SS	Ron	Parker	81
SS	Stevie	Brown	77
SS	Jamell	Fleming	66

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Cairo	Santos	76
P	Dustin	Colquitt	82

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN : SINGLEBACK JUMBO PAIR – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Near Close – HB Inside	Near Close – FB Dive	Strong Pro – FB Dive	Pistol Weak – Power Option	Singleback Jumbo – HB Counter Wk	Gun Y Trips Wk – 5 6 Trap
Gun Split Slot – HB Sweep Wk	Strong Pro – Power O	Singleback Jumbo Pair – HB Dive	Pistol Strong Twins – Power O	Gun Bunch Open Offset – Inside Zone	Gun Trio Offset Wk – HB Power
Gun Trips TE – Inside Zone	Gun Y Trips Wk – Read Option	Singleback Jumbo Pair – HB Stretch	Pistol Strong Twins – Tr Option LT	Gun Wing Deep Offset – HB Counter	Gun Wing Deep Offset – Outside Zone

BEST PASS : SINGLEBACK JUMBO PAIR – PA POWER O

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Y Trips Wk – KC Slot Cross	Singleback Jumbo Pair – PA Power O	Near Close – PA Strong Flow	Gun Trips TE – PA Shot Post	Gun Bunch Open Offset – Flood	Gun Trey Open – FK WR Screen
Gun Bunch Quads – Spot	Gun Trips TE – Curl Flat	Near Close – Post Drag	Singleback Ace – PA All Go	Gun Empty Chief – KC Deep In	Gun Wing Deep Offset – PA Post Wheel
Strong Pro – F Trail	Gun Trio Chief – Bubble Screen	Gun Empty Trey – Dbl Slot Cross	Gun Trips TE – PA Boot Shot	Gun Trio Chief – PA Fork Under	Gun Trio Offset Wk – Verticals

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D : 34 ODD – COVER 4 MIKE

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 4 Mike	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	Goal Line 533 – GL Man	Nickel 335 – Nickel LB Blitz	Nickel 245 – Silver Shoot Pinch
34 Odd – Cross 3 Fire	34 Under – Safety Blitz	34 Solid – Sting Pinch	34 Bear – Pinch Mike 0	Nickel 335 – SS Mike Cross	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Nickel Dog 2

BEST PASS D: NICKEL 2-4-5 – COVER 2 BUSTER

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Nickel 245 – Overload 3	Nickel 245 – Overload 3	Nickel 335 – 3 Overload Fire Press	34 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	Big Dime 146 – Tampa 2	Big Dime 236 – Cover 3 Match
Nickel 245 – Cover 2 Buster	Nickel 335 – Loop Crash 2	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Nickel Overload 3	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 2 Press	Nickel 335 – Cover 2 Man	Big Dime 236 – Cover 2 Buster

Teams
Indianapolis Colts

GAMEPLAY RATING 79

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 78
Offense: 81
Defense: 77
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Base 3-4
Strengths: WR, QB, CB
Weaknesses: FB, RE, DT

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

2nd AFC South (8-8-0)
Passing Offense: 22nd
Rushing Offense: 29th
Passing Defense: 24th
Rushing Defense: 25th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Andrew Luck: 1,881
Rushing: Frank Gore: 967
Receiving: T.Y. Hilton: 1,124
Tackles: D'Quell Jackson: 150
Sacks: Kendall Langford: 7
INTS: Mike Adams: 5

KEY ADDITIONS

TE Jack Doyle
CB Patrick Robinson
HB Robert Turbin

KEY ROOKIES

C Ryan Kelly
FS T.J. Green
LT Le'Raven Clark

COACH

Chuck Pagano
Level: 12
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Base 3-4

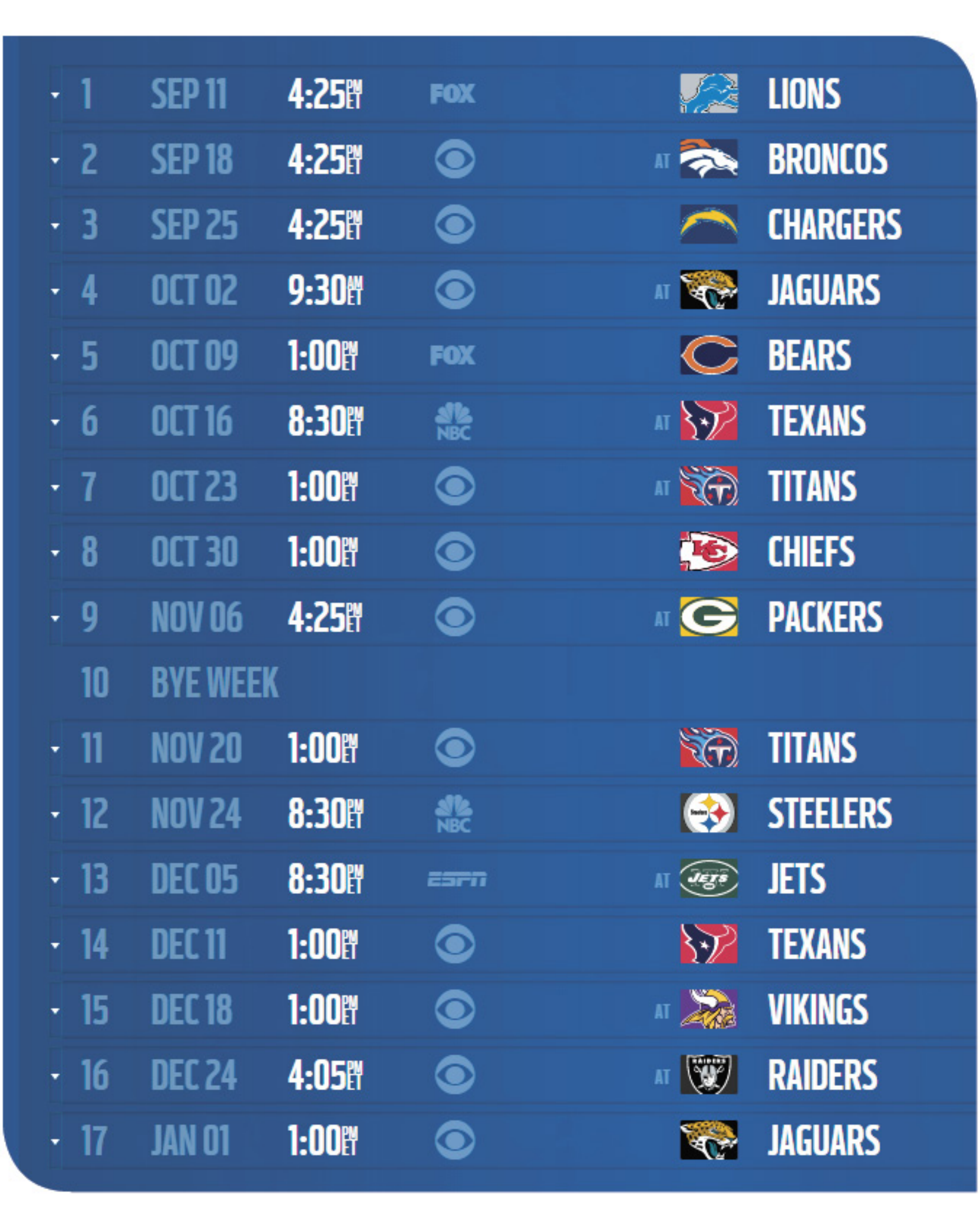
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Andrew Luck is worth whatever it takes to keep him as the face of your franchise. His development over the early part of his career has him on track to become one of the all-time greats.
- HB Frank Gore has had great success with the Colts. Slowly building the team around him is promising for this season. Gore is a good stop-gap, but keep developing a long-term backup or look for one in the draft. It will be tough to run behind this line for any non-elite player.
- The Colts brought on HB Robert Turbin, who is an all around solid player, but needs some work in reading a play. His Awareness rating is not extremely high, but it isn't bad. Work on developing the newcomers and the rookies to back up Gore this year.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- ROLB Robert Mathis is still attempting to bounce back, and he will be instrumental with some of the recent improvements to the game this year. Trent Cole came in last year and really helped back up Mathis on the right side. Almost evenly matched now, the Colts defense will be solid on the right this season.
- The Colts defensive line does not have the necessary strength to take on multiple blockers and free up the LBs behind them. Give David Parry the start as his Awareness level will help you out with some of the gap play this season.
- The Colts' secondary is getting better each season, but still needs a little work taking care of the run game. Allow Vontae Davis to continue to be the anchor, and help him out by upgrading a range safety to play on the other side.

SCHEDULE



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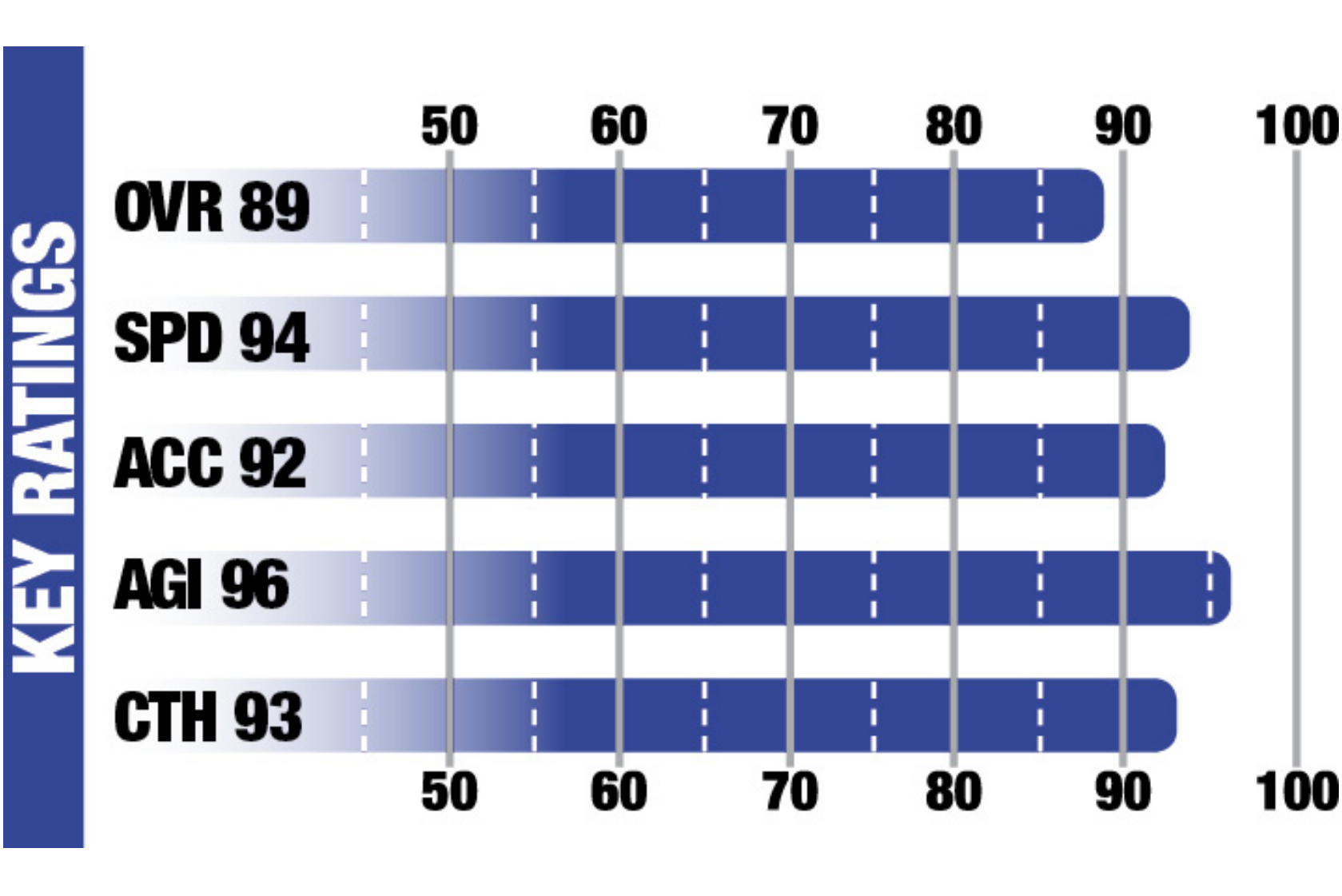
KEY PLAYERS

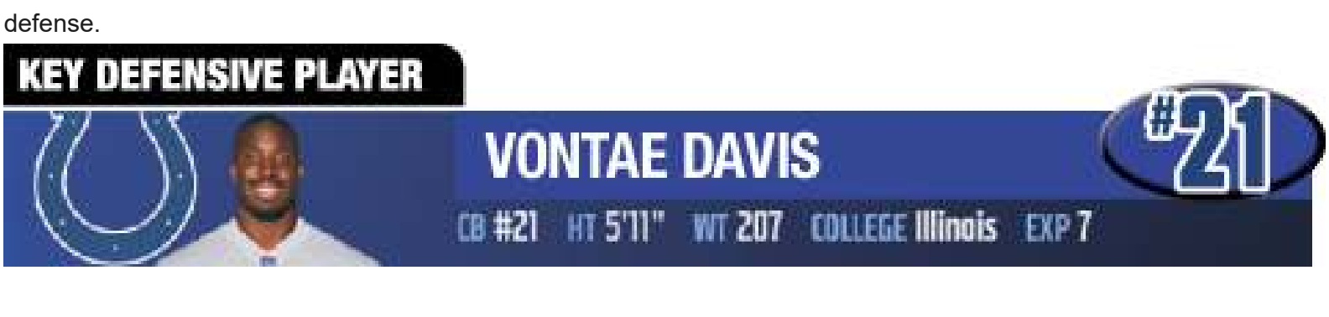
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

T.Y. HILTON #13
WR #13 HT 5'9" WT 178 COLLEGE FIU EXP 4

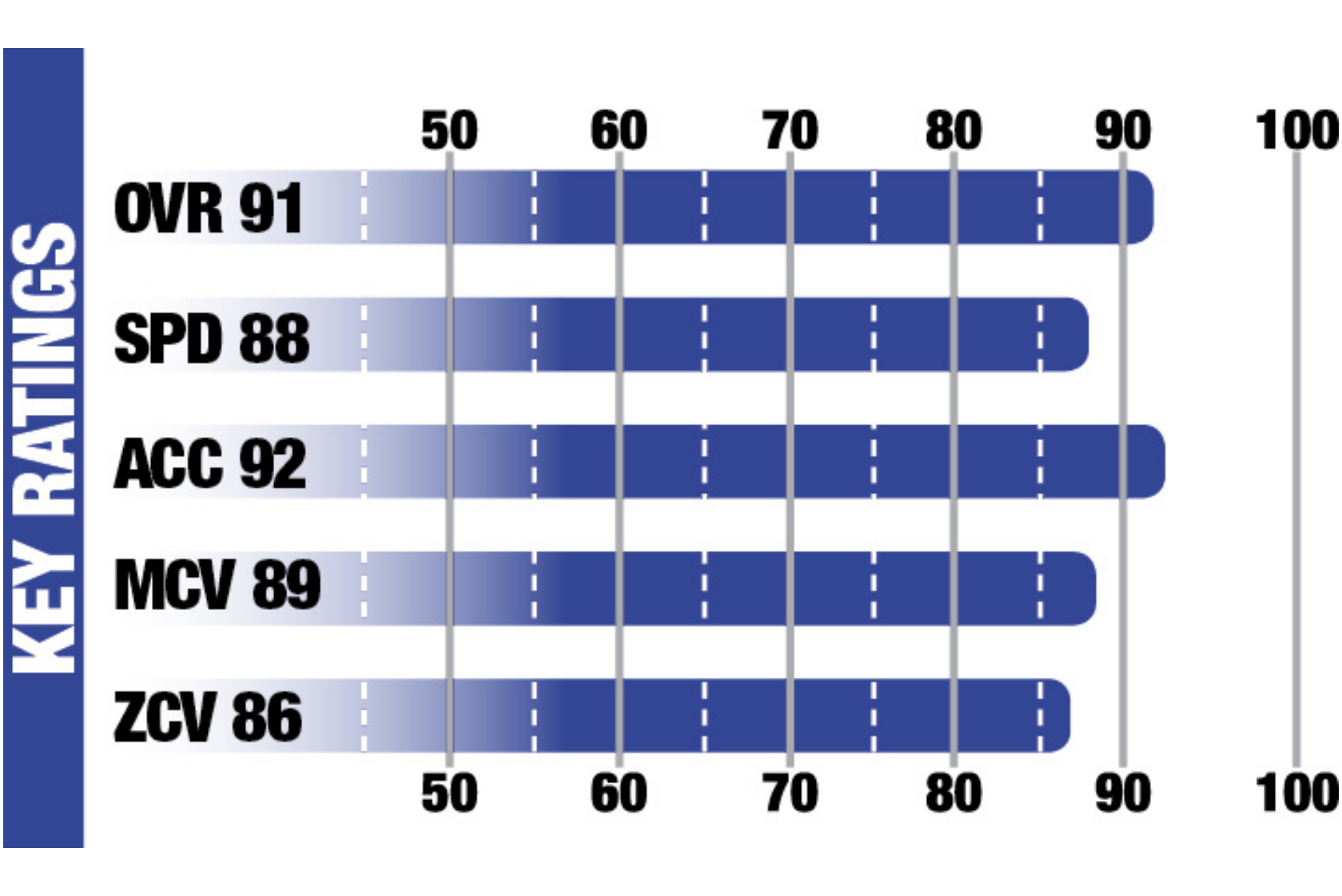


- Overall, Hilton is a solid WR that can do almost anything. This season the Colts have switched to a verticals offense and Hilton should see a lot of passes thrown to him.
- His speed is a true threat, but also having such a high Catching rating makes him very dangerous against any defense.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER



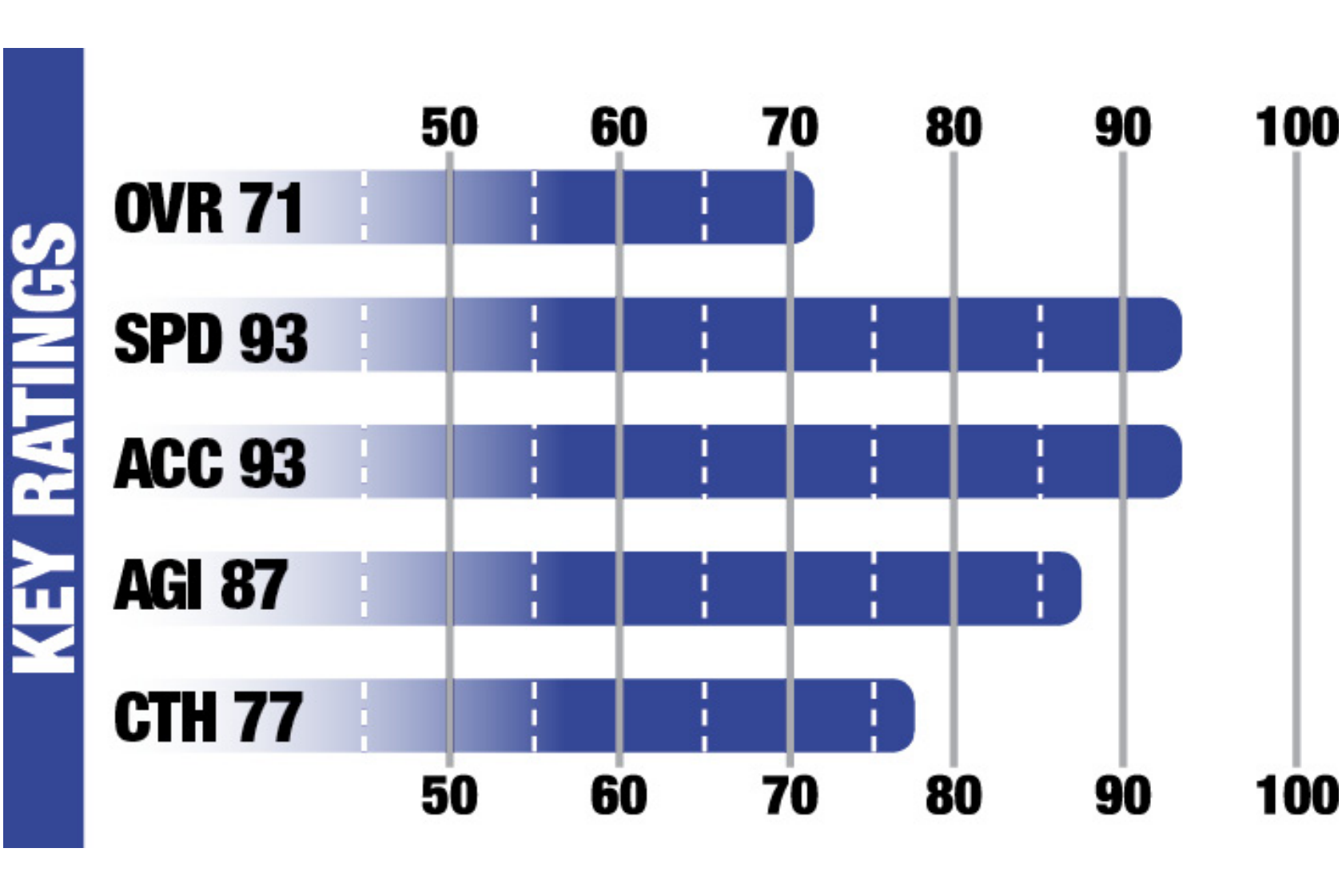
VONTAE DAVIS #21
CB #21 HT 5'11" WT 207 COLLEGE Illinois EXP 7



- Davis is one of the most physical corners in the league. Use his Press rating to throw off the timing of the QB/WR.
- Consider giving Darius Butler the start at CB #2 to allow Davis to play more man coverage.

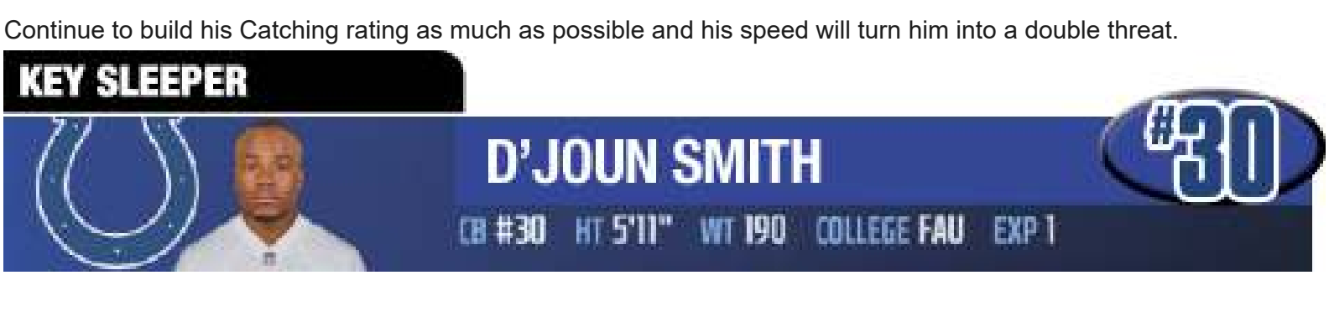
KEY ROOKIE

T.J. GREEN #32
FS #32 HT 6'3" WT 205 COLLEGE Clemson EXP R

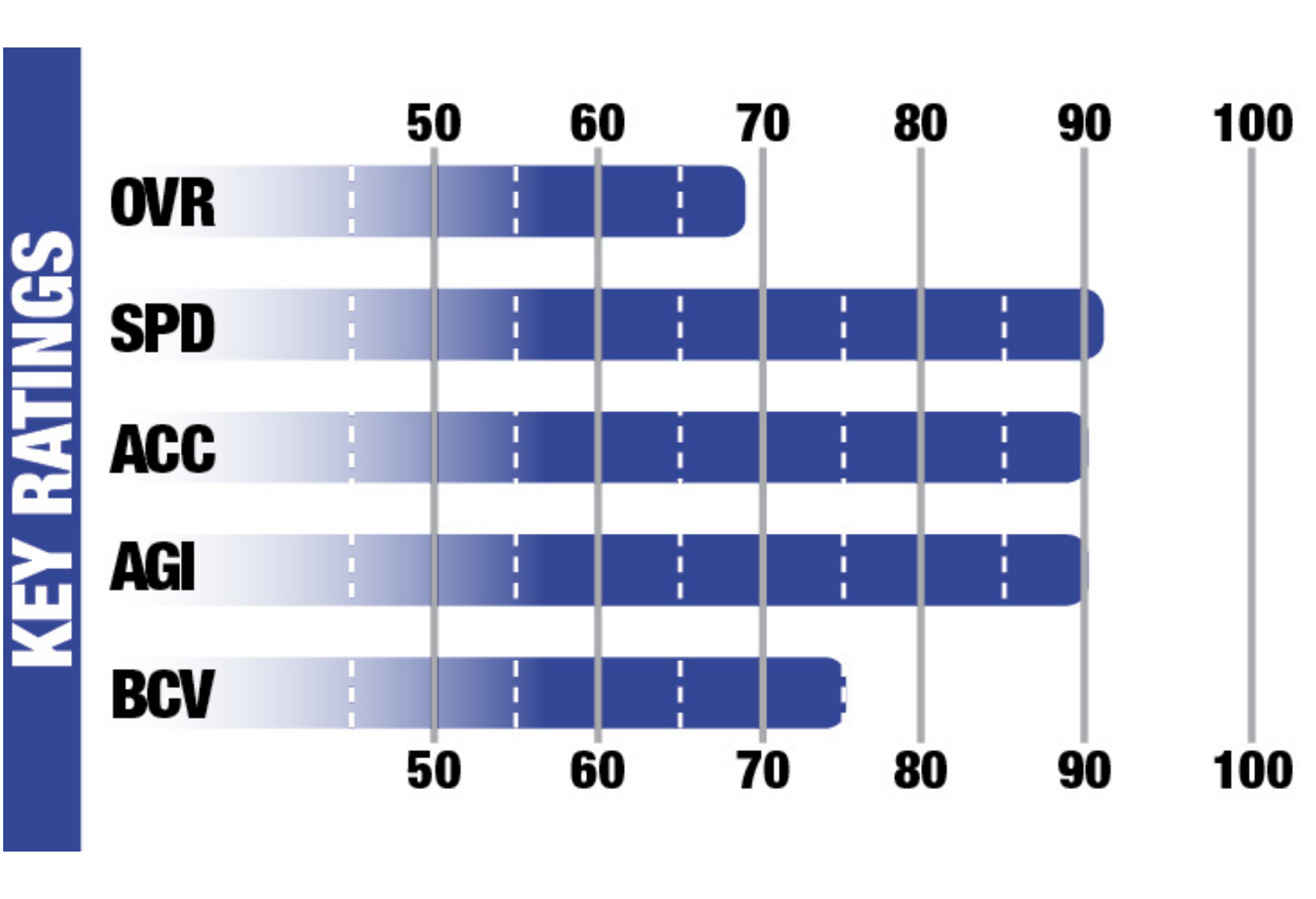


- Although you may not run Green opposite T.Y. Hilton, he still has plenty of talent to showcase in the WR corps.
- Continue to build his Catching rating as much as possible and his speed will turn him into a double threat.

KEY SLEEPER



D'JOUN SMITH #30
CB #30 HT 5'11" WT 190 COLLEGE FAU EXP 1



- Smith has high ratings in Speed, Acceleration, and Agility, which are all perfect. Boost his Awareness rating to round out his skill set.
- Smith is young and has plenty to learn. Consider this when upgrading his ratings to either round him out or have him excel even further in his skill areas.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Andrew	Luck	88
QB	Scott	Tolzien	67
QB	Stephen	Morris	62
HB	Frank	Gore	79
HB	Robert	Turbin	75
HB	Jordan	Todman	70
HB	Tyler	Varga	64
HB	Josh	Ferguson	63
HB	Trey	Williams	60
WR	T.Y.	Hilton	89
WR	Donte	Moncrief	78
WR	Phillip	Dorsett	72
WR	Brian	Tyms	68
WR	Josh	Boyce	64
WR	Quan	Bray	64
WR	Mekale	McKay	63
WR	Tevaun	Smith	63
WR	Daniel	Anthrop	60
TE	Dwayne	Allen	80
TE	Jack	Doyle	72
TE	Erik	Swoope	58
TE	Matt	Overton	51
LT	Anthony	Castonzo	81
LT	Le'Raven	Clark	69
LT	Kevin	Graf	65
LG	Jack	Mewhort	85
LG	Hugh	Thornton	72
C	Ryan	Kelly	76
C	Austin	Blythe	63
RG	Joe	Reitz	76
RG	Jonotthan	Harrison	73
RG	Jeremy	Vujnovich	63
RT	Denzelle	Good	69
RT	Joe	Haeg	69
RT	Mitchell	Van Dyk	65

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Kendall	Langford	80
LE	Henry	Anderson	76
LE	Earl	Okine	56
DT	Zach	Kerr	73
DT	David	Parry	68
DT	Ricky	Lumpkin	66
RE	Arthur	Jones	71
RE	Hassan	Ridgeway	68
RE	T.Y.	McGill	61
RE	Sterling	Bailey	59
RE	Kelcy	Quarles	59
LOLB	Erik	Walden	78
LOLB	Trevor	Bates	61
LOLB	Ron	Thompson	58
MLB	D'Qwell	Jackson	79
MLB	Nate	Irving	76
MLB	Sio	Moore	72
MLB	Antonio	Morrison	65
MLB	Amarlo	Herrera	59
MLB	Curt	Maggitt	57
ROLB	Robert	Mathis	83
ROLB	Trent	Cole	82
ROLB	Josh	McNary	71
CB	Vontae	Davis	91
CB	Patrick	Robinson	78
CB	Darius	Butler	72
CB	D'Joun	Smith	69
CB	Jalil	Brown	67
CB	Tay	Glover-Wright	67
CB	Tevin	Mitchel	64
FS	T.J.	Green	71
FS	Clayton	Geathers	70
FS	Winston	Guy Jr.	69
SS	Mike	Adams	78
SS	Dezmen	Southward	66
SS	Stefan	McClure	60

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Adam	Vinatieri	84
P	Pat	McAfee	86

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN : SINGLEBACK ACE – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Ace – HB Stretch	Singleback Deuce Close – HB Wham	Pistol Slot Wing – Inside Zone Split	I Form Tight Pair – HB Toss	Singleback Y Trips TE Slot – HB Stretch	Gun Y Trips Open – 5 6 Trap
I Form Twins Flex – HB Blast	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Shovel Option	I Form Pro – HB Lead	I Form Tight Pair – Iso	Gun Split Close – Power O	Gun Bunch Wk – HB Base
Singleback Y Trips TE Slot – HB Dive	I Form Twins Flex – HB Toss	Strong Pro – Power O	Singleback Ace – 0 1 Trap	Pistol Y Trips – Strong Power	Pistol Y Trips – HB Counter

BEST PASS : GUN SPLIT CLOSE – DBL INS

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Split Close – WR Corner	Gun Empty Trey – Colts Unders	Strong Pro – Z Spot	Singleback Bunch Ace – PA Fork Shot	Gun Bunch TE – PA All Cross	Gun Split Close – HB Wheel
Gun Doubles – WR Drag	Singleback Deuce Close – TE Angle	Strong Twins Flex – Curl Flat	Gun Doubles – PA Divide Shot	Gun Y Trips Open – Fork	Gun Double Flex – Four Verticals
Gun Bunch TE – TE Corner	Gun Bunch TE – Mesh	Strong Tight Pair – Drive	Singleback Ace Pair – PA Cross Shot	Gun Bunch Wk – Corner Strike	Gun Bunch Wk – Deep Corner

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D : 34 ODD – PINCH BUCK 0

RUN DEFENSE

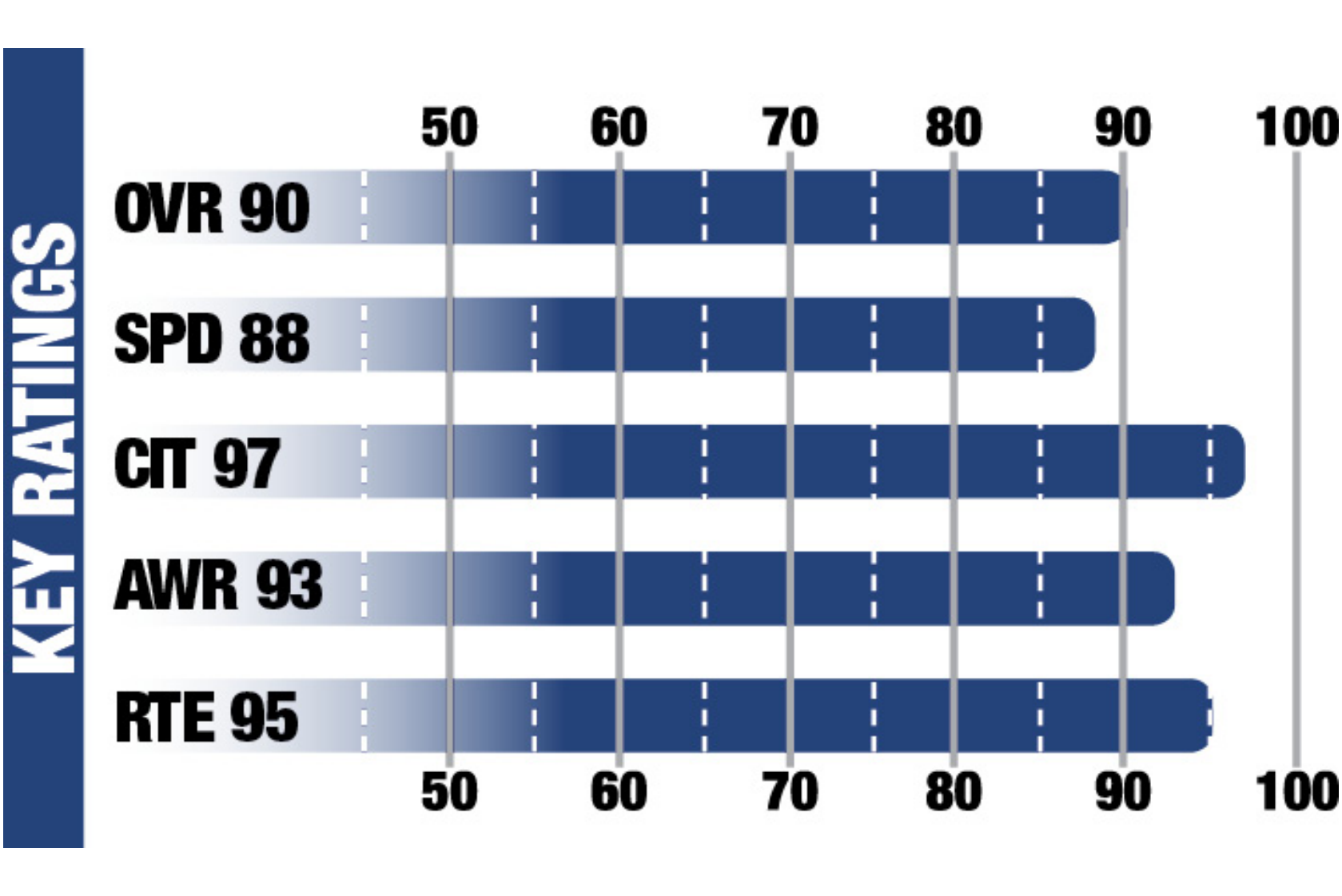
1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Pinch Buck 0	34 Odd – Cover 4 Mike	34 Bear – Pinch Mike 0	34 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Mid Blitz	Nickel 245 – Cover 4
34 Odd – Cross 3 Fire	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Predator – Will Fire 3 Seam	Goal Line 542 – Blitz A	Nickel 245 – Silver Shoot Pinch	Nickel 245 – SS Overload 3

BEST PASS D: NICKEL 2-4-5 COVER 2 BUSTER

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Nickel 245 – Nickel Blitz 2	Nickel 245 – Cover 2 Buster	Nickel 245 – Overload 3	34 Over – Cover 4 Sam	Dollar 326 – Max Sting 3	Dollar 326 – Cover 3 Match
Nickel 245 – Cover 1 Hole	Nickel 245 – Cover 2 Man	34 Even – Cover 2 Hard Flat	34 Bear – Cover 3	Dollar 326 – Cover 3 Hard Flat	Quarters 3 Deep – Cover 1 Contain

Defense not only wins championships in Madden NFL 17, it also can help you win solo challenges with ease. Having a stout defense that can get a well-timed sack and stop the run is the key to completing solo challenges quickly. Here are our favorite ways to lock up on defense and earn more coins to build your ultimate team.



Dallas Cowboys

GAMEPLAY RATING 82

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 81
Offense: 83
Defense: 81
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Tampa 2
Strengths: LT, WR, ROLB
Weaknesses: FB, LG, RE

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

4th NFC East (4-12-0)
Passing Offense: 27th
Rushing Offense: 9th
Passing Defense: 5th
Rushing Defense: 22nd

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Matt Cassel: 1,276
Rushing: Darren McFadden 1,089
Receiving: Jason Witten: 713
Tackles: Barry Church: 117
Sacks: Demarcus Lawrence: 8
INTS: Jeff Heath: 2

KEY ADDITIONS

CB Isiah Frey
LT Brya Witzmann
MLB Brandon Hepburn

KEY ROOKIES

HB Ezekiel Elliot
QB Dak Prescott

COACH

Jason Garrett
Level: 12
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Tampa 2

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Tony Romo is back and very well known as a consistent player. He puts this team in the hunt every season. While his speed may be slowing down a bit, he's smarter and more elusive against the rush, which allows him to keep plays alive.
- HB Darren McFadden had a decent season last year, but now with Ezekiel Elliot on the team, there are two consistent backs to do the work. The Cowboys' offensive line is still strong and will help both players excel.
- WR Dez Bryant has consistently proven that he's one of the top WRs in the game. Dallas goes to him in all their big moments, and he is worth whatever it takes to keep him a Cowboy for the long term. Continue to develop the young stars at the TE position to help take the pressure off QB Tony Romo and eventually find a replacement for the reliable Jason Witten.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Cowboys' defense finally has an identity, which was evident last season. Greg Hardy, DeMarcus Lawrence, and Randy Gregory should cause some havoc for the opposing passers.
- LB Sean Lee is one of the best defenders in the league when healthy, so give him plenty of zone assignments and watch him have a huge season. Rolando McClain appears to be around for a bit longer, so take advantage of this; he has proven he has more than just the size required to be a star player in the league.
- CB Orlando Scandrick has been one of our favorite CBs for a long time, and the Cowboys rewarded him with a long-term deal. Continue to build around his solid man coverage. Everyone else in the secondary is on a game-to-game basis. Stick with whatever scheme and lineup works best. CB Brandon Carr has some size and can press WRs, but will need help over the top.

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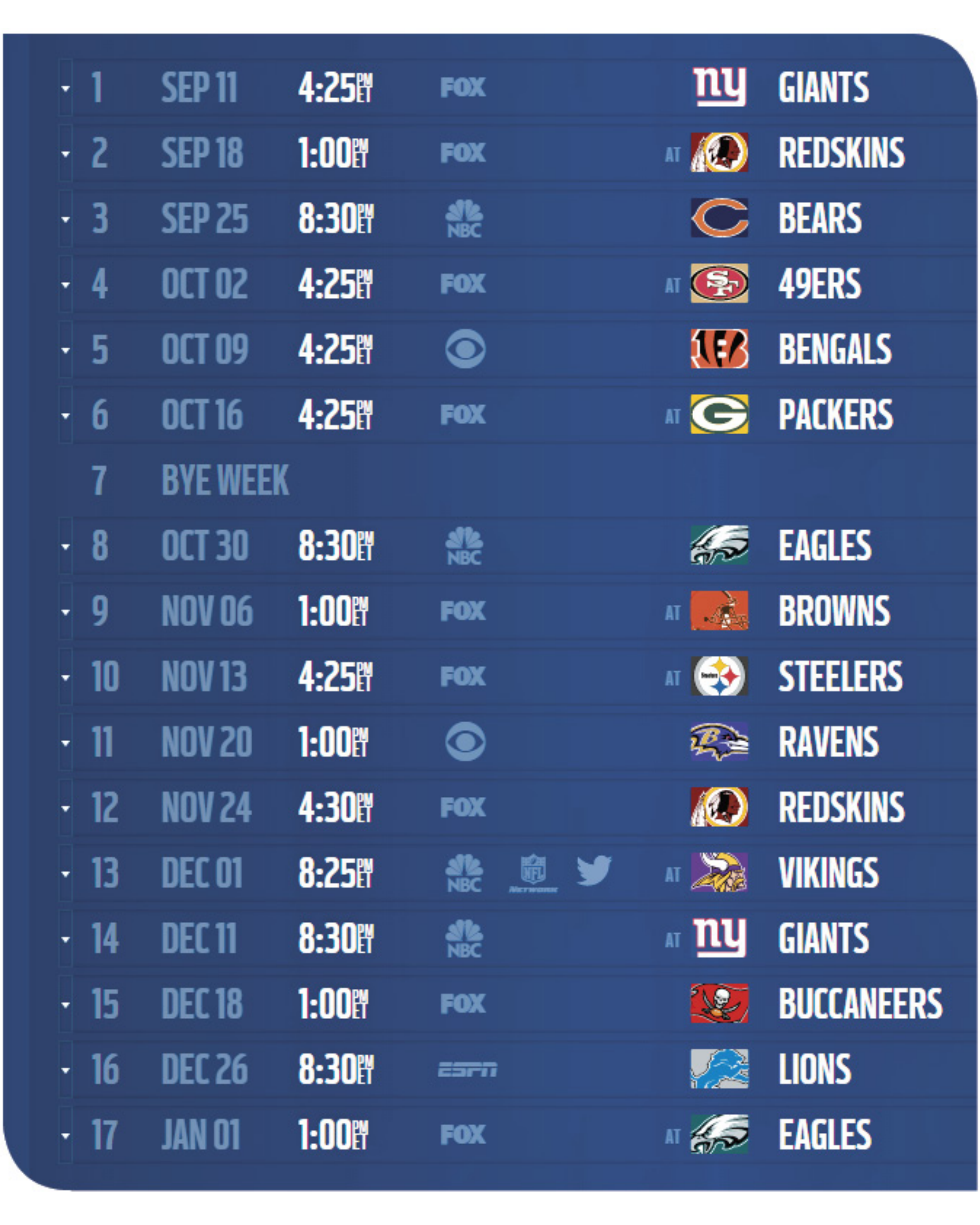

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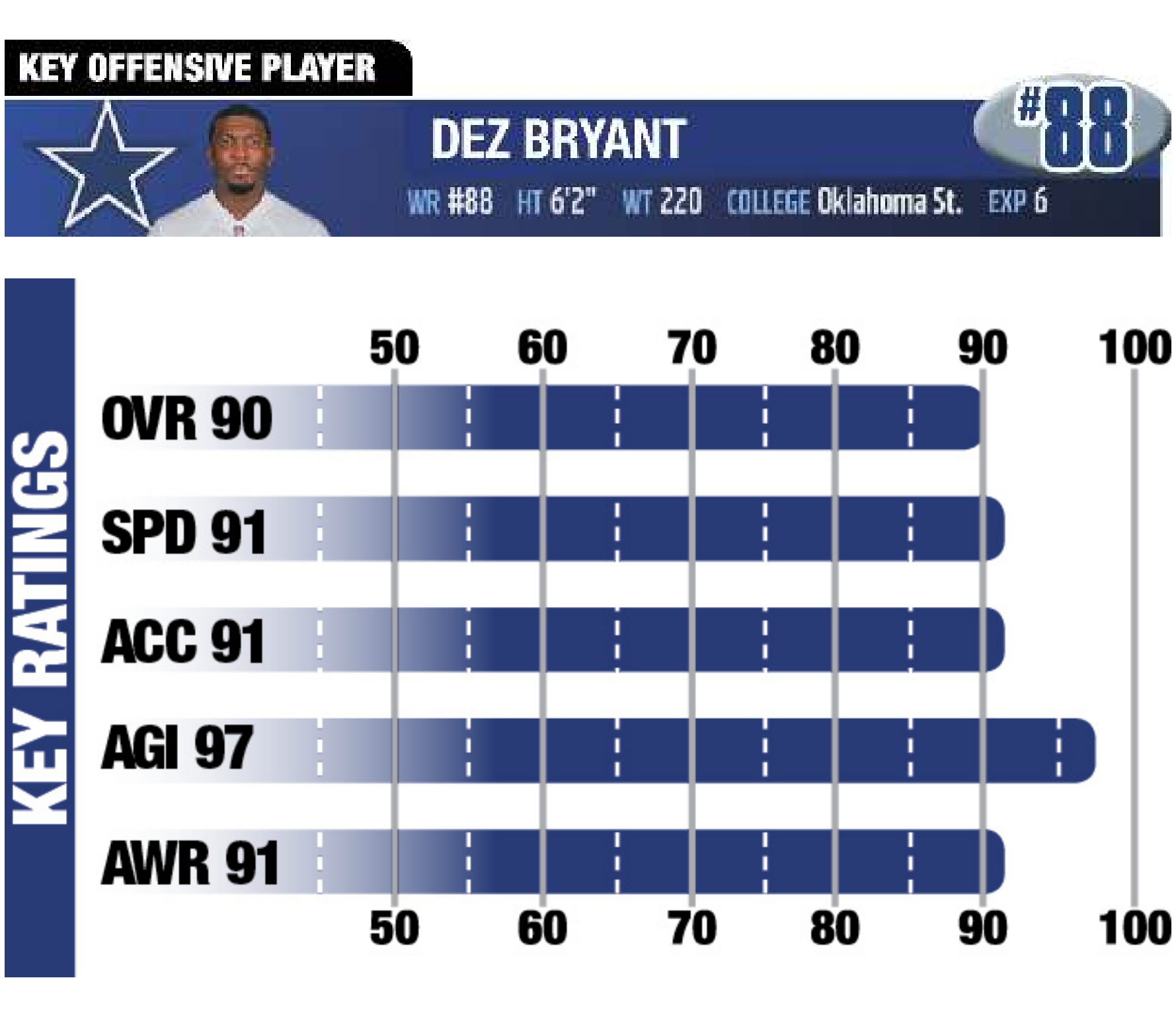
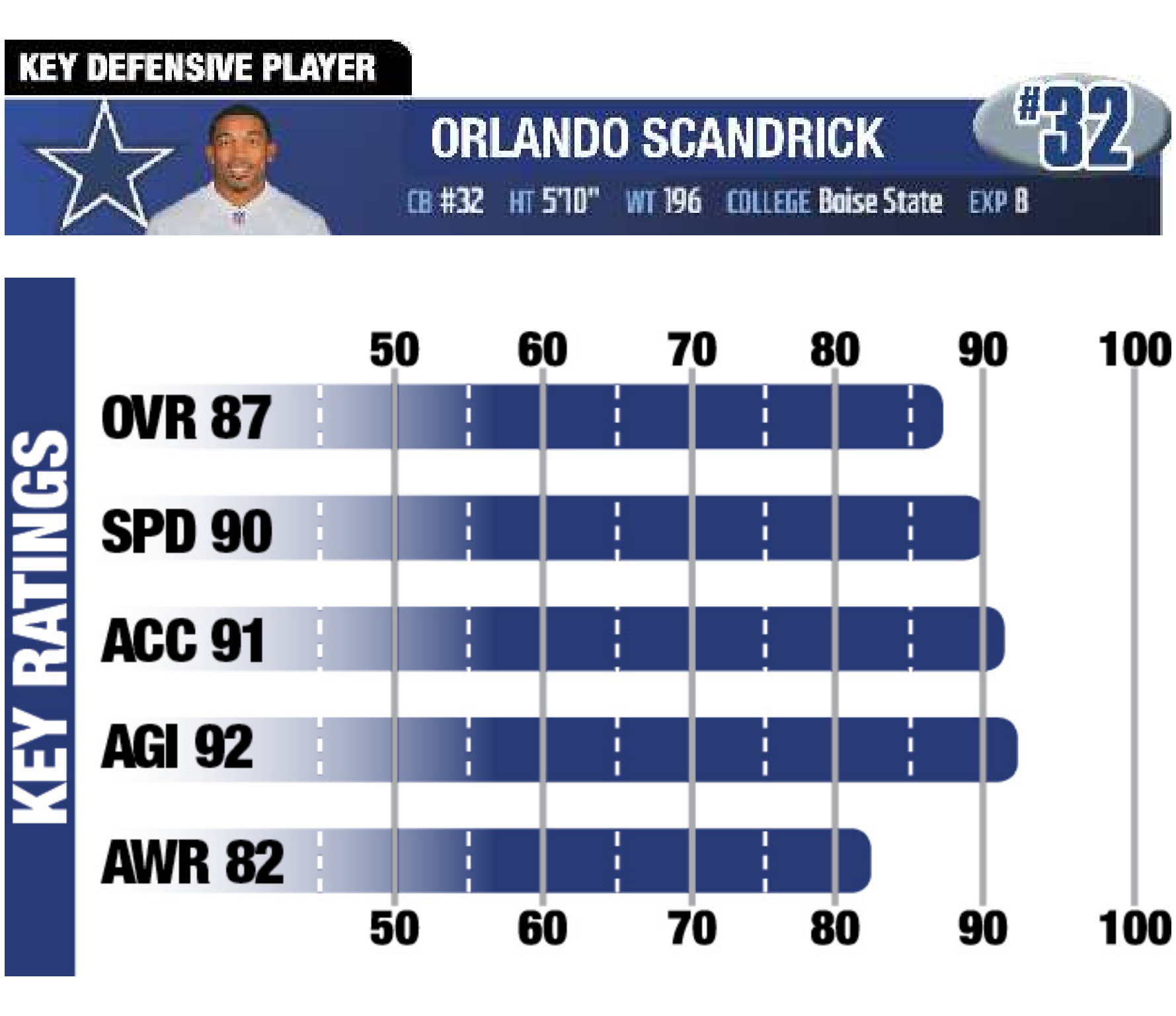
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER



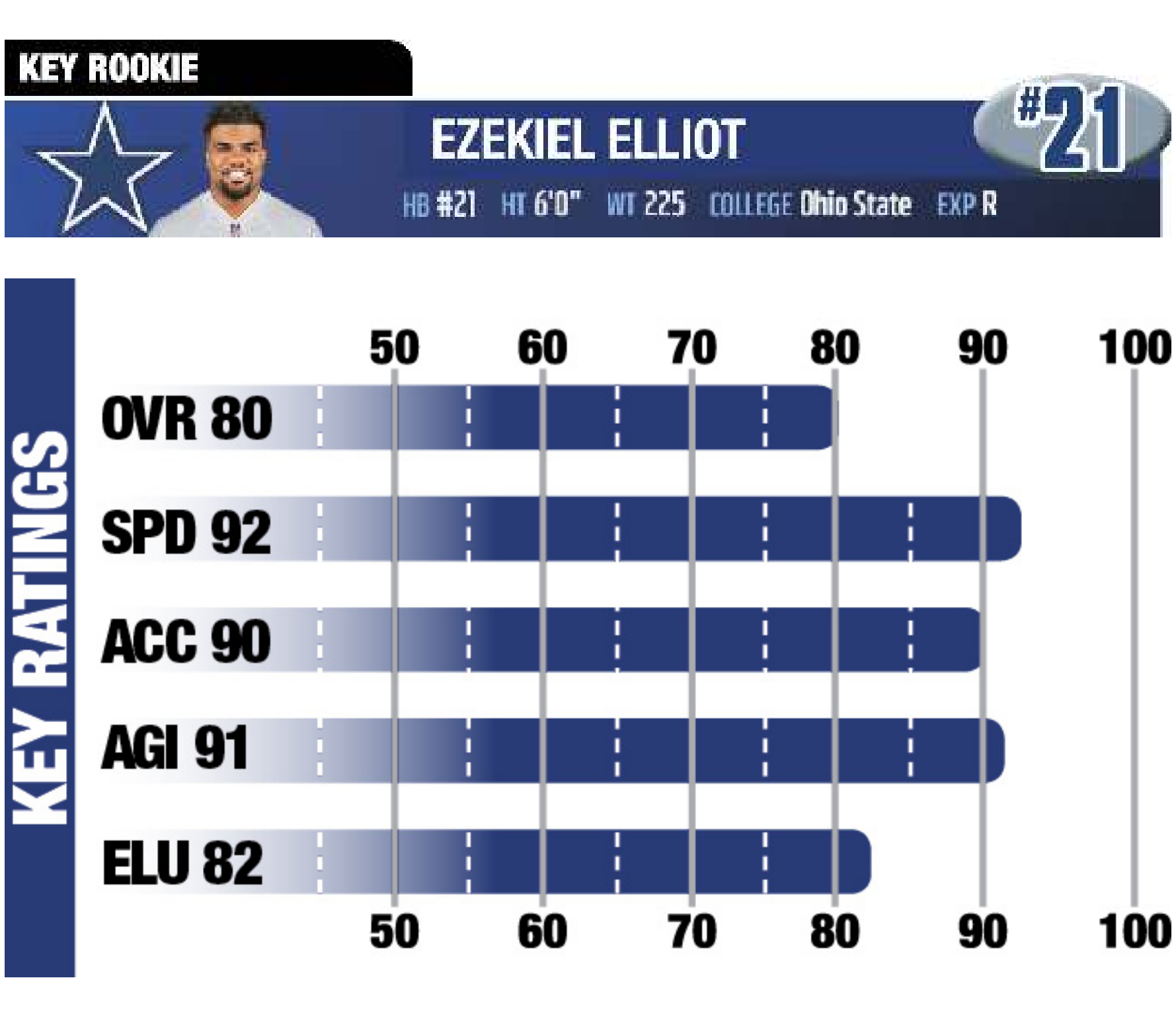
- Bryant is easily one of the best WRs at winning one-on-one matchups, even though he is only 6'2".
- Bryant has brought the Cowboys' offense to a new level and has great chemistry with QB Tony Romo.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER



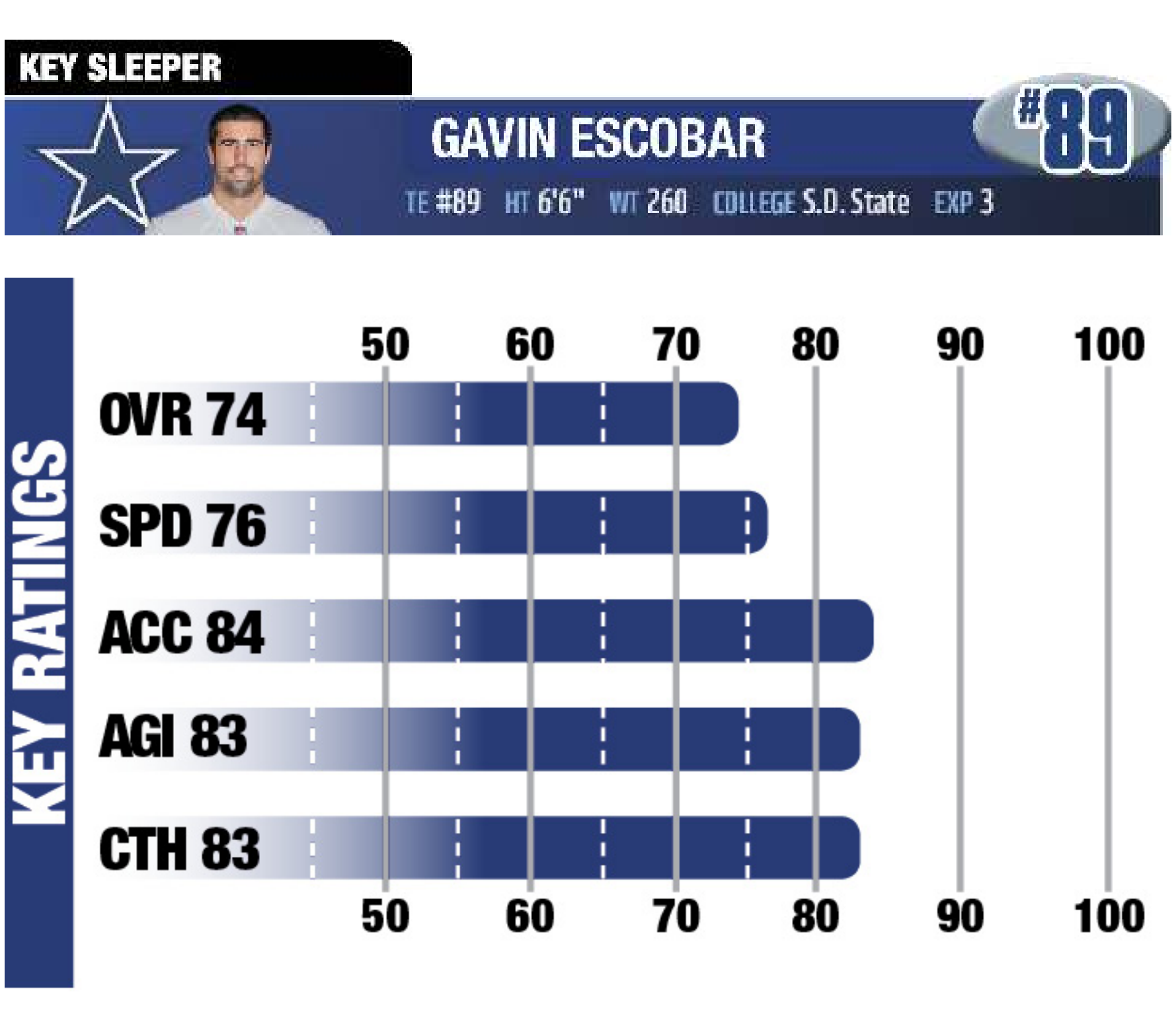
- Scandrick is a great man-to-man defender who should be able to stick to WRs on their cuts.
- Scandrick has decent press, but with his smaller size, don't expect him to cover a 6'3"-plus WR without some help from time to time.

KEY ROOKIE



- Ezekiel Elliott is a very elusive HB with the ability to find the gaps and dodge any oncoming traffic.
- He is quick and has a high Juke Move rating, which gives you the power to break free. The only challenge is getting out in the open before this becomes really effective.

KEY SLEEPER



- Escobar has the size and agility to take control of the field and dominate any of the back line if covered.
- Escobar may not have the best speed, but being able to catch in traffic will offset this downside.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Tony	Romo	86
QB	Dak	Prescott	71
QB	Kellen	Moore	69
QB	Jameill	Showers	56
HB	Ezekiel	Elliott	80
HB	Darren	McFadden	79
HB	Alfred	Morris	79
HB	Lance	Dunbar	76
HB	Darius	Jackson	67
HB	Rod	Smith	66
WR	Dez	Bryant	90
WR	Terrance	Williams	80
WR	Cole	Beasley	77
WR	Brice	Butler	71
WR	Lucky	Whitehead	71
WR	Devin	Street	68
WR	Vince	Mayle	66
WR	Chris	Brown	62
WR	Andy	Jones	60
WR	Rodney	Smith	59
TE	Jason	Witten	86
TE	Gavin	Escobar	74
TE	James	Hanna	74
TE	Geoff	Swaim	64
TE	Rico	Gathers	60
TE	L.P.	LaDouceur	56
LT	Tyron	Smith	98
LT	Charles	Brown	73
LT	Bryan	Witzmann	66
LG	Ronald	Leary	76
LG	La'el	Collins	75
C	Travis	Frederick	91
C	Joe	Looney	64
C	Jake	Brendel	60
RG	Zack	Martin	92
RT	Doug	Free	80
RT	Chaz	Green	69

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Benson	Mayowa	68
LE	David	Irving	67
DT	Tyrone	Crawford	80
DT	Cedric	Thornton	78
DT	Terrell	McClain	73
DT	Maliek	Collins	69
DT	Jack	Crawford	64
DT	Casey	Walker	62
RE	Randy	Gregory	75
RE	Charles	Tapper	68
RE	Ryan	Russell	63
RE	Lawrence	Okoye	54
LOLB	Anthony	Hitchens	74
LOLB	Kyle	Wilber	73
MLB	Rolando	McClain	81
MLB	Jaylon	Smith	76
MLB	Andrew	Gachkar	71
MLB	Brandon	Hepburn	68
ROLB	Sean	Lee	89
ROLB	Damien	Wilson	68
ROLB	Mark	Nzeocha	61
CB	Orlando	Scandrick	87
CB	Brandon	Carr	76
CB	Morris	Claiborne	70
CB	Isaiah	Frey	70
CB	Anthony	Brown	68
CB	Deji	Olatoye	66
CB	Josh	Thomas	66
FS	J.J.	Wilcox	79
FS	Jeff	Heath	73
SS	Barry	Church	82
SS	Kavon	Frazier	66

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Dan	Bailey	85
P	Chris	Jones	82

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK ACE CLOSE – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Pistol Ace Twins – HB Dive	I-Form Twins Flex – FB Dive Strong	Gun Normal – Inside Zone	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Snugs Flipped – HB Mid Draw	Gun Empty Trey – QB Draw
Pistol Ace Twins – HB Stretch	I-Form Twin TE – Weak Iso	Gun Trey Open Cowboy – HB Base	Goal Line – HB Toss	Gun Wing Deep Offset – Inside Zone	I-Form Twin TE – HB Stretch
Pistol Y-Trips – HB Stretch	I-Form Twin TE – FB Dive	Gun Trio Falcon – HB Quick Base	Goal Line – FB Dive	Gun Split Flex – Power O	I-Form Normal – HB Toss

BEST PASS: PISTOL BUNCH – CORNER STRIKE

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Pistol Bunch – Mesh Post	Pistol Bunch – PA Deep In	I-Form Twin TE – PA Clearout	Gun Normal – PA Shot Go's	Gun Trio Falcon – Verticals	Gun Wing Deep Offset – PA Double Post
Pistol Bunch – Mesh	Pistol Y-Trips – WR Screen	I-Form Pro – PA Scissors	Gun Flip Trips – Deep Fork	Gun Trio Falcon – PA Shot Wheel	Gun Normal – FL Middle
Pistol Bunch – Mesh Seam	Gun Normal – PA Seams	Gun Split Flex – PA F Slide	Pistol Ace Twins – PA FL Stretch	Gun Trey Open Cowboy – Drag Fork	Gun Snug Flipped – PA WR Cross

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 4-3 OVER PLUS – COVER 4

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	46 Bear – Wall Stunt	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Sky	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	46 Bear – 46 Mid Blitz	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Buzz 2

BEST PASS D: DOLLAR 3-2-6 COVER 4 QB CONTAIN

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Mike Will Blitz	46 Bear – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	4-3 Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 2 Man LB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Man	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky	46 Bear – Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	4-3 Wide 9 – Tampa 2	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 3 Sky Press

Teams

Miami Dolphins

GAMEPLAY RATING 80

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 79
Offense: 81
Defense: 83
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Base 4-3
Strengths: QB, WR, SS
Weaknesses: FB, HB, MLB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

4th AFC East (6-10-0)
Passing Offense: 19th
Rushing Offense: 23rd
Passing Defense: 12th
Rushing Defense: 21st

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Ryan Tannehill: 4,208
Rushing: Lamar Miller: 872
Receiving: Jarvis Landry: 1,157
Tackles: Reshad Jones: 135
Sacks: Olivier Vernon: 7.5
INTS: Reshad Jones: 5

KEY ADDITIONS

RE Jason Jones
LG Laremy Tunsil
DT Chris Jones

KEY ROOKIES

DE Thomas Duarte
LG Laremy Tunsil
CB Xavien Howard

COACH

Adam Gase
Level: 1
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Base 4-3

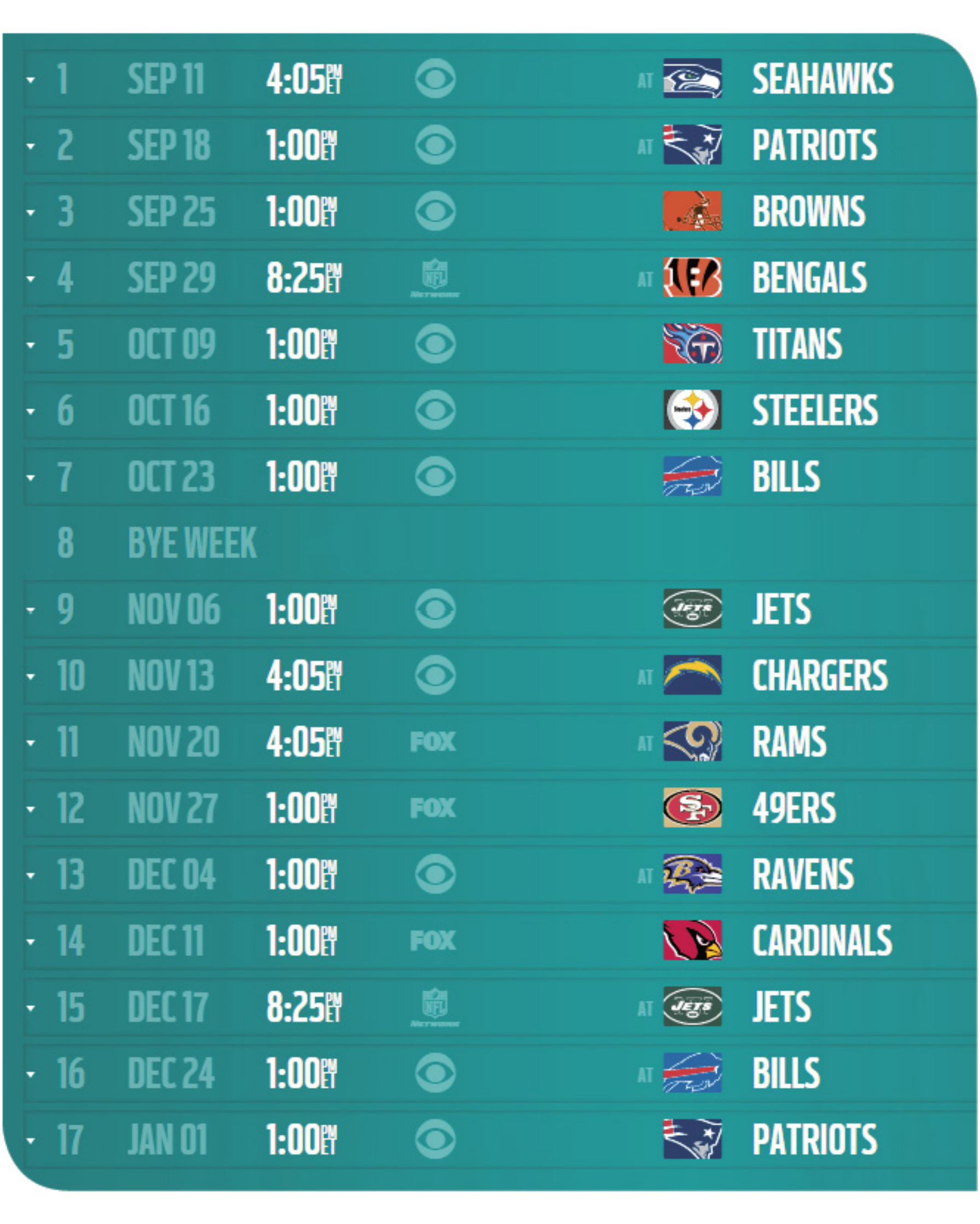
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Ryan Tannehill has been solidified as the long-term starter in Miami; keep surrounding him with talent at WR.
- HB Lamar Miller had another huge season last year, proving he could carry the load, so be sure to utilize his strengths. Use Kenyan Drake's speed to give your team a chance to convert a short third down conversion.
- Although the Dolphins prefer a short passing game, give Kenny Stills some chances downfield each game. Jarvis Landry had a solid rookie campaign. Also, don't forget to target TE Jordan Cameron in the red zone.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Ndamukong Suh has proven himself as part of the team and is more than capable of continuing to control the Tackle position. Not only is he just as good in the run game, but he should also be more trouble for opposing QBs.
- Your nickel LBs should be Koa Misi and Jelani Jenkins, who are both very solid in zone coverage. Both also have some nice hit power.
- The secondary is extremely solid, especially at the safety position. Adjust your coverage to help out your CBs.

SCHEDULE



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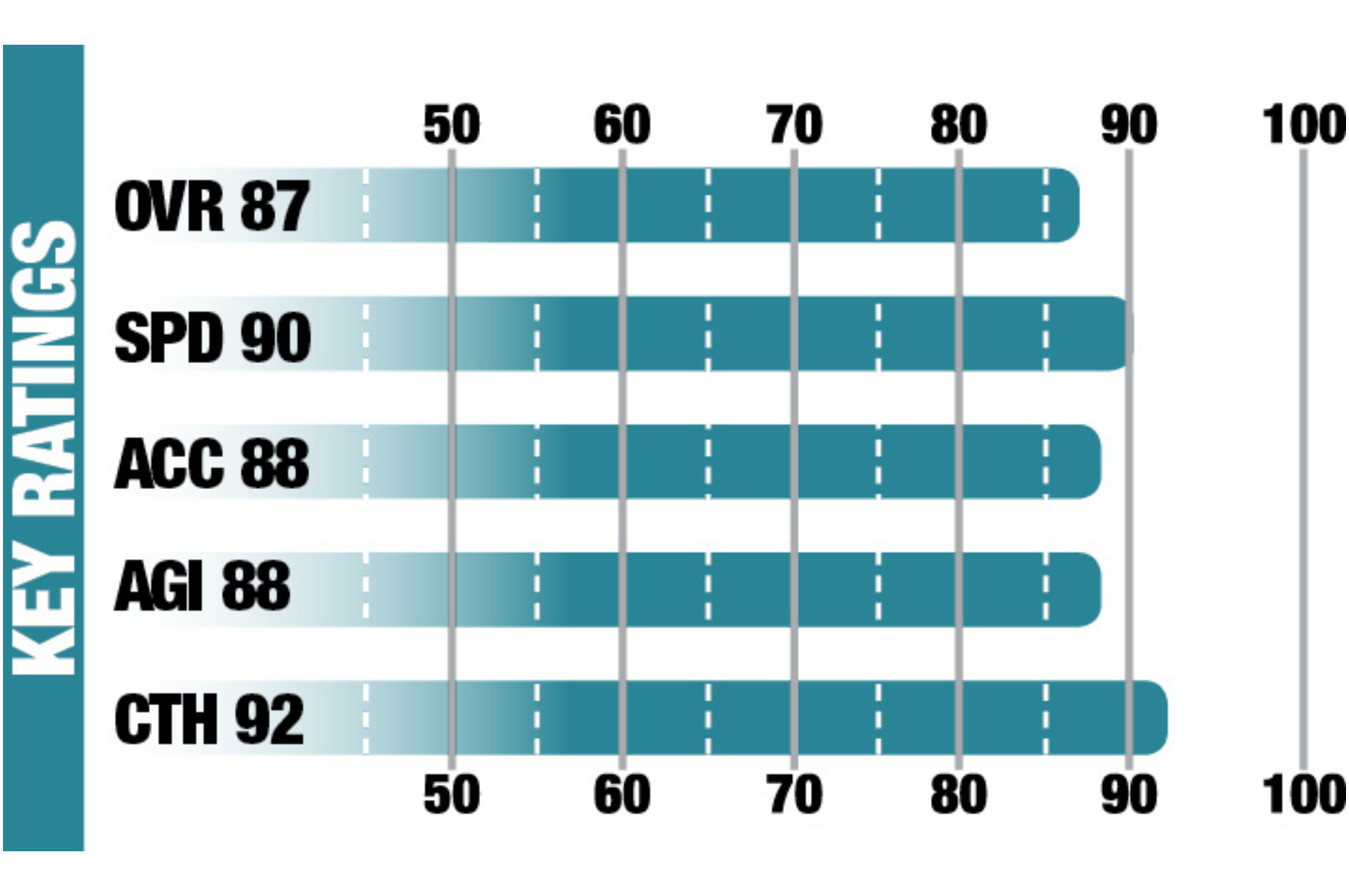
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

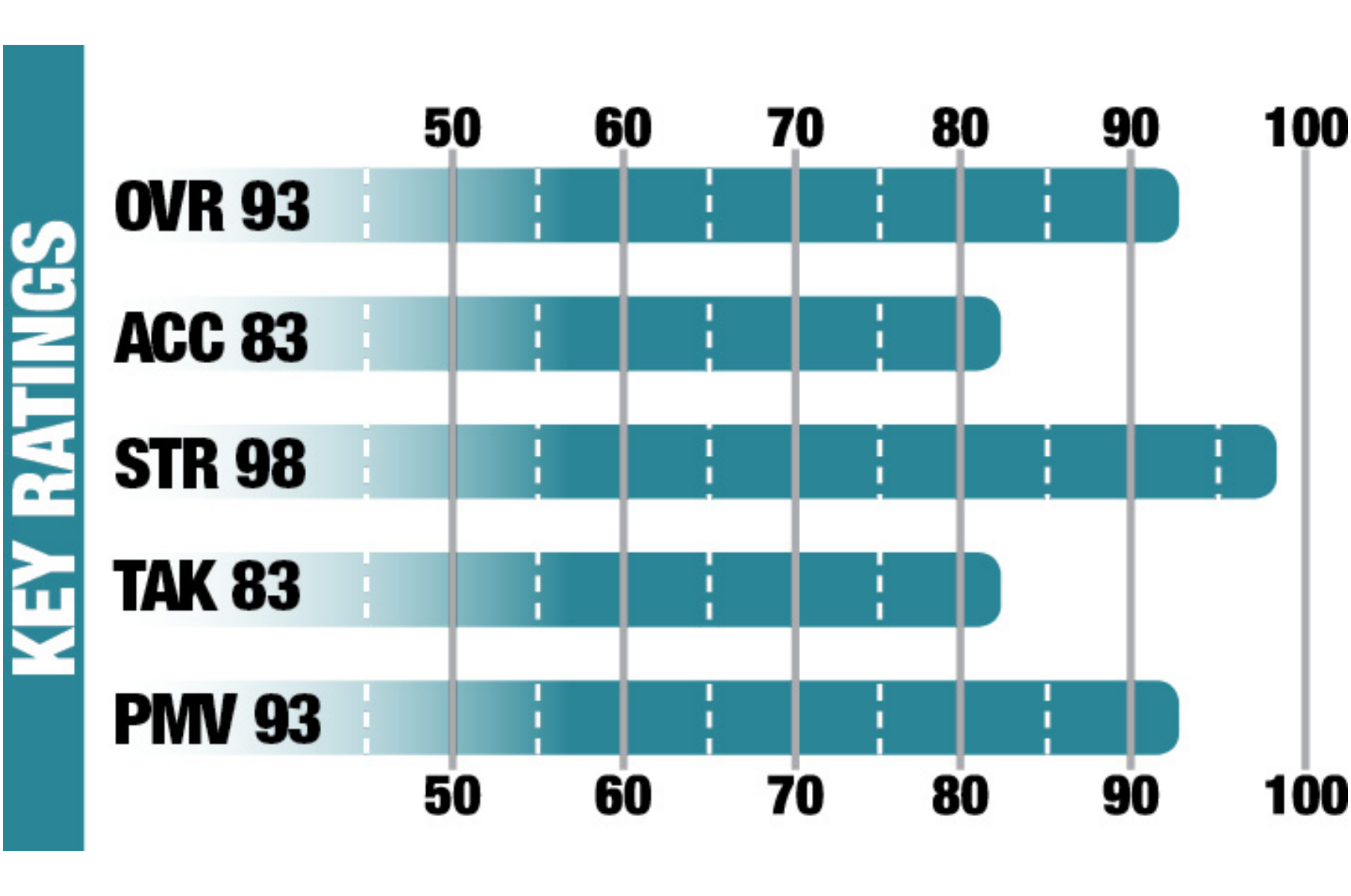
JARVIS LANDRY
#14
WR #14 HT 5'11" WT 202 COLLEGE LSU EXP 2



- Landry isn't the fastest, but he is young and still extremely quick. He also has the awareness and enough raw talent to out-maneuver any matchup.
- He's a great route runner, and when you match that with his route running, look for him on long plays.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

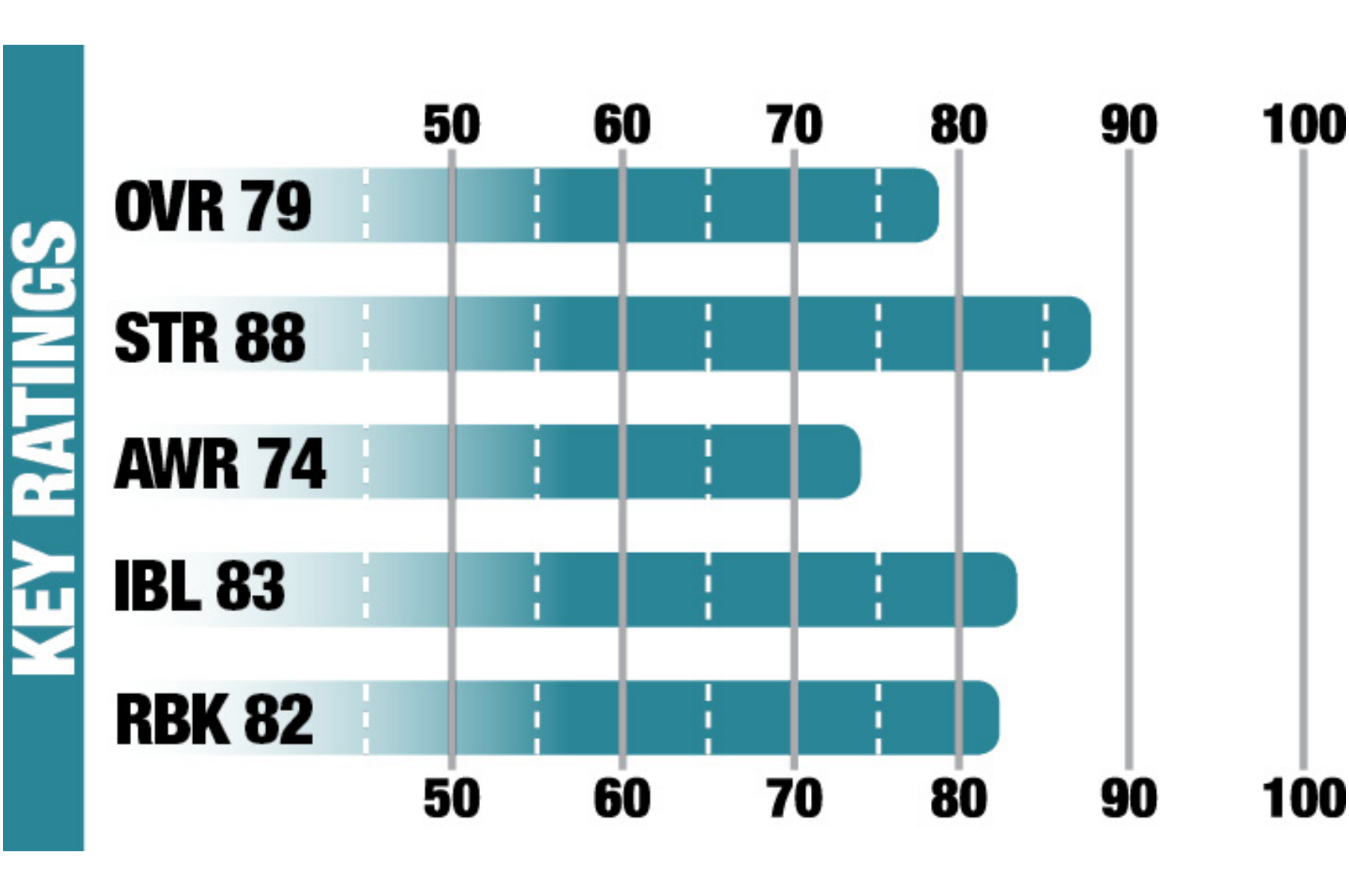
NDAMUKONG SUH
#93
DT #93 HT 6'4" WT 320 COLLEGE Nebraska EXP 6



- Suh should always be on the field. He has the stamina and toughness to play every down.
- Expect to see a large number of sacks from Suh this season, his Strength and Power Move ratings are through the roof.

KEY ROOKIE

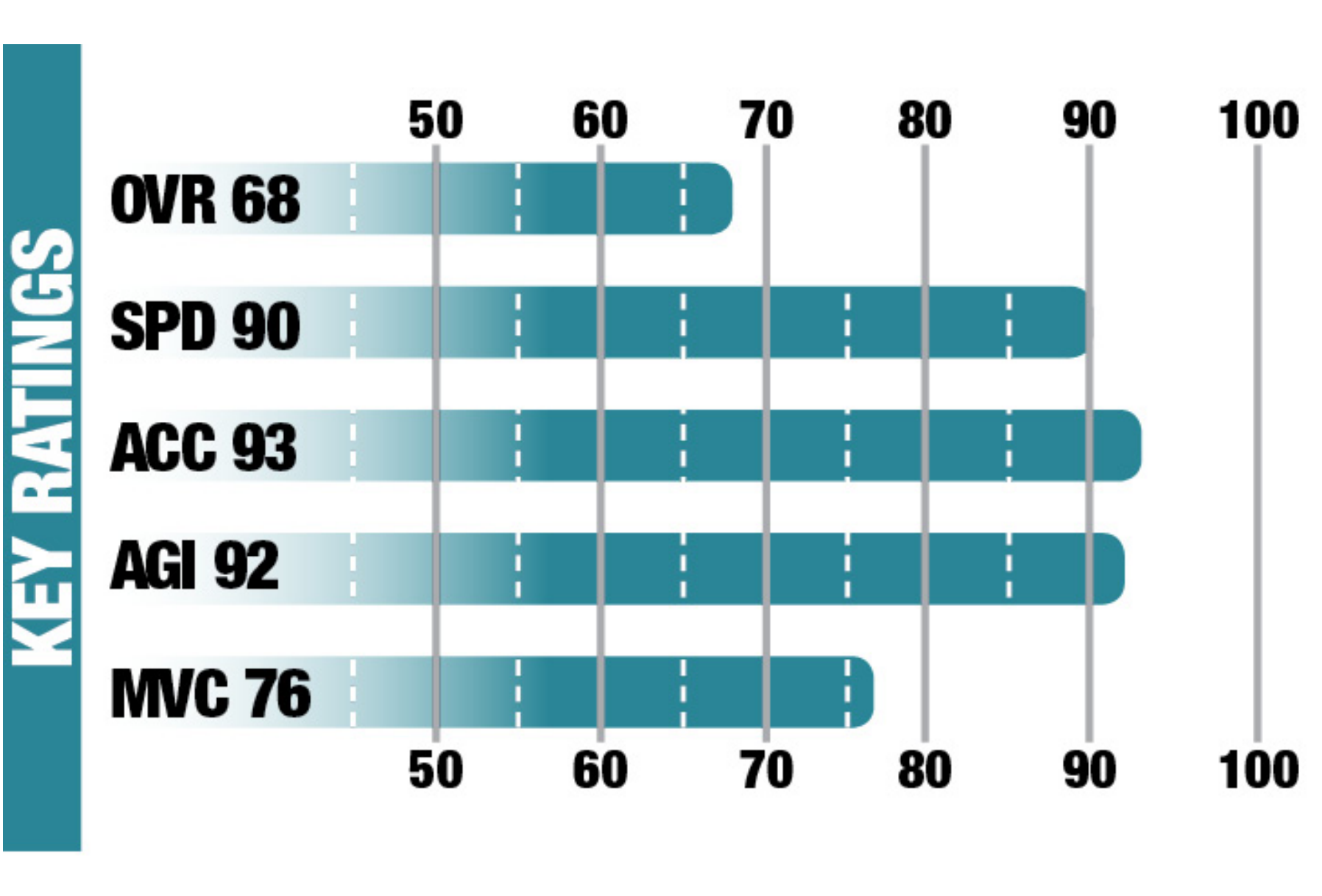
LAREMY TUNSIL
#67
LG #67 HT 6'5" WT 310 COLLEGE Ole Miss EXP R



- Having Tunsil on the team means you should run the ball to his side whenever you see the opportunity.
- His Run Blocking Strength and Impact Blocking rating are incredibly high. This will open up plenty of gaps, which is incredibly important this season.

KEY SLEEPER

CHIMDI CHEKWA
#38
CB #38 HT 6'0" WT 194 COLLEGE Ohio State EXP 5



- Chekwa may not have the size for most WRs in the league, but he's fast. Take control of Chekwa because you can catch anyone if you read the play early.
- Man coverage should be the focus of Chekwa, but his speed dictates he can play any defense.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Ryan	Tannehill	79
QB	Matt	Moore	69
QB	Brandon	Doughty	63
QB	Zac	Dysert	61
HB	Jay	Ajayi	75
HB	Daniel	Thomas	72
HB	Damien	Williams	72
HB	Kenyan	Drake	70
HB	Isaiah	Pead	67
WR	Jarvis	Landry	87
WR	DeVante	Parker	75
WR	Kenny	Stills	74
WR	Leonte	Carroo	70
WR	Griff	Whalen	70
WR	Jakeem	Grant	66
WR	Matt	Hazel	64
WR	Tyler	Murphy	59
TE	Jordan	Cameron	81
TE	Dion	Sims	75
TE	MarQueis	Gray	69
TE	Jake	Stoneburner	68
TE	Thomas	Duarte	63
TE	John	Denney	56
LT	Branden	Albert	80
LT	Vinston	Painter	65
LG	Jermon	Bushrod	81
LG	Laremy	Tunsil	79
LG	Dallas	Thomas	66
C	Mike	Pouncey	81
C	Jacques	McClendon	70
RG	Kraig	Urbik	72
RG	Billy	Turner	68
RG	Anthony	Steen	62
RT	Ja'Wuan	James	75
RT	Ulrick	John	71
RT	Sam	Young	70

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Cameron	Wake	89
LE	Andre	Branch	70
LE	Terrence	Fede	66
DT	Ndamukong	Suh	93
DT	Earl	Mitchell	74
DT	Chris	Jones	65
DT	Jordan	Phillips	63
DT	Deandre	Coleman	62
DT	Jordan	Williams	59
DT	Charles	Tuaau	56
RE	Mario	Williams	81
RE	Jason	Jones	77
RE	Dion	Jordan	66
RE	Chris	McCain	64
LOLB	Koa	Misi	85
LOLB	Spencer	Paysinger	70
MLB	Kiko	Alonso	76
MLB	Mike	Hull	61
MLB	Zach	Vigil	59
MLB	James	Burgess	57
ROLB	Jelani	Jenkins	78
ROLB	James-Michael	Johnson	72
ROLB	Neville	Hewitt	66
CB	Byron	Maxwell	76
CB	Xavien	Howard	72
CB	Tyler	Patmon	72
CB	Bobby	McCain	71
CB	Chimdi	Chekwa	68
CB	Ifo	Ekpre-Olomu	67
CB	Tony	Lippett	65
CB	Jordan	Lucas	64
FS	Isa	Abdul-Quddus	76
FS	Michael	Thomas	74
FS	Walt	Aikens	71
SS	Reshad	Jones	93
SS	Shamiel	Gary	64

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Andrew	Franks	76
P	Matt	Darr	76

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK JUMBO PAIR – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Pistol Wing Trips – HB Dive	Singleback Jumbo Pair – HB Stretch	Singleback Jumbo Pair – HB Dive	Strong Tight – HB Stretch	Gun Trips Y Iso – HB Base	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – Outside Zone
Gun Doubles Offset – Outside Zone	Gun DBLS Wing Offset Wk – Read Option	Singleback Ace – HB Stretch Arc	Strong Tight – HB Dive	Gun Trips TE Offset – Inside Zone	Pistol Wing Trips – Counter Y
Gun Doubles HB Wk – Inside Zone	Gun Stack Offset Wk – 0 1 Trap	I Form Tight Pair – HB Toss	I Form Tight Pair – FB Dive	Gun Doubles Offset – Power O	Gun Spread HB Wk – HB Base

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Ace Offset – Y Sail	Gun Doubles HB Wk – Mesh	Strong Tight – PA TE Cross	Pistol Wing Trips – PA Double Post	Gun Empty Y Slot – Shallow Cross	Gun Doubles HB Wk – PA Double Posts
Singleback Bunch – HB Angle	Singleback Bunch – Y Trail	I Form H Tight – FL Drive	Gun Trips TE Offset – PA Shot Crossers	Gun Trips Y Iso – PA Bubble Y Look	Gun Wing Trips Dolphin Wk – Four Verticals
Gun Doubles HB Wk – Fake Rub	Gun Wing Trips Dolphins Wk – Mtn HB Swing	I Form Tight Pair – PA Power O	Gun Bunch Open Offset – Fake Screen Wheel	Gun Split Slot – Corner Strike	Gun Trips Y Iso – HB Slip Screen

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 43 NORMAL – OLB FIRE MAN

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
43 Normal – OLB Fire Man	43 Normal – LB Zone Blitz	43 Under – Edge Sting	46 Bear Under – LB Dogs	43 Under – Cover 4	Nickel Double A Gap – Mid Blitz
43 Normal – LB Zone Blitz	43 Normal – Safety Blitz 3	43 Under – Mike Sam Crash Press	46 Bear Under – LB Dogs 3	43 Over Plus – FS Will 3	Nickel Wide Nine – Cover 1 LB Blitz

BEST PASS D: 43 NORMAL – FREE FIRE 3

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Mable	43 Normal – Free Fire 3	43 Under – FS Fire 3	46 Bear Under – Cover 3	Nickel Double A Gap – Cover 3 Cloud Show 2	Dime Normal – Cover 2 Carry
Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Cloud	43 Normal – Cover 2 Carry	43 Over Plus – FS Blitz	46 Bear Under – Cover 1	Dime Normal – Cover 3 Buzz Match	Dime Normal – Cover 2 Man

Teams

Philadelphia Eagles

GAMEPLAY RATING 83

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 82
Offense: 83
Defense: 85
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Strengths: HB, FS, RE
Weaknesses: RG, MLB, CB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

2nd NFC East (7-9-0)
Passing Offense: 12th
Rushing Offense: 14th
Passing Defense: 28th
Rushing Defense: 32nd

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Sam Bradford: 3,725
Rushing: DeMarco Murray: 702
Receiving: Jordan Matthews: 997
Tackles: Malcolm Jenkins: 109
Sacks: Fletcher Cox: 9.5
INTS: Walter Thurmond: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

C Steven Wisniewski
WR Rueben Randle
CB Nolan Carroll

KEY ROOKIES

QB Carson Wentz
HB Wendell Smallwood
LG Isaac Seumalo

COACH

Doug Pederson
Level: 1
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Sam Bradford is still getting experience, but now that he has a full season under his belt this year should show some growth. He is a solid and accurate QB and has a strong line to protect him.
- The Eagles' backfield is still in a bit of a transition, but it's a good one. HB Ryan Matthews is an excellent runner who should do well this season. Make sure to get Darren Sproles and Wendell Smallwood involved, because they are both talented in their own ways.
- The Eagles picked up WR Rueben Randle this season during free agency. Look to build the rookies up while playing Randle. Jordan Matthews should continue to improve as he is still young.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Fletcher Cox has developed into a dominant player along the defensive line and is a perfect scheme fit for the Eagles. While the rest of the line is solid, continue to develop their strengths to help support the LBs in the run game.
- The LB corps is still strong and that has a lot to do with Connor Barwin, who developed into an excellent pass rusher. In the MLB spot, Mychal Kendricks showed he had the skills to go with his raw ability and turned into the player many fans had been waiting to see.
- The Eagles are big with the excellent zone defender Byron Maxwell, who has great size. He fits nicely with FS Malcolm Jenkins, who needs to lead the secondary and bring up the rest of the young talent.

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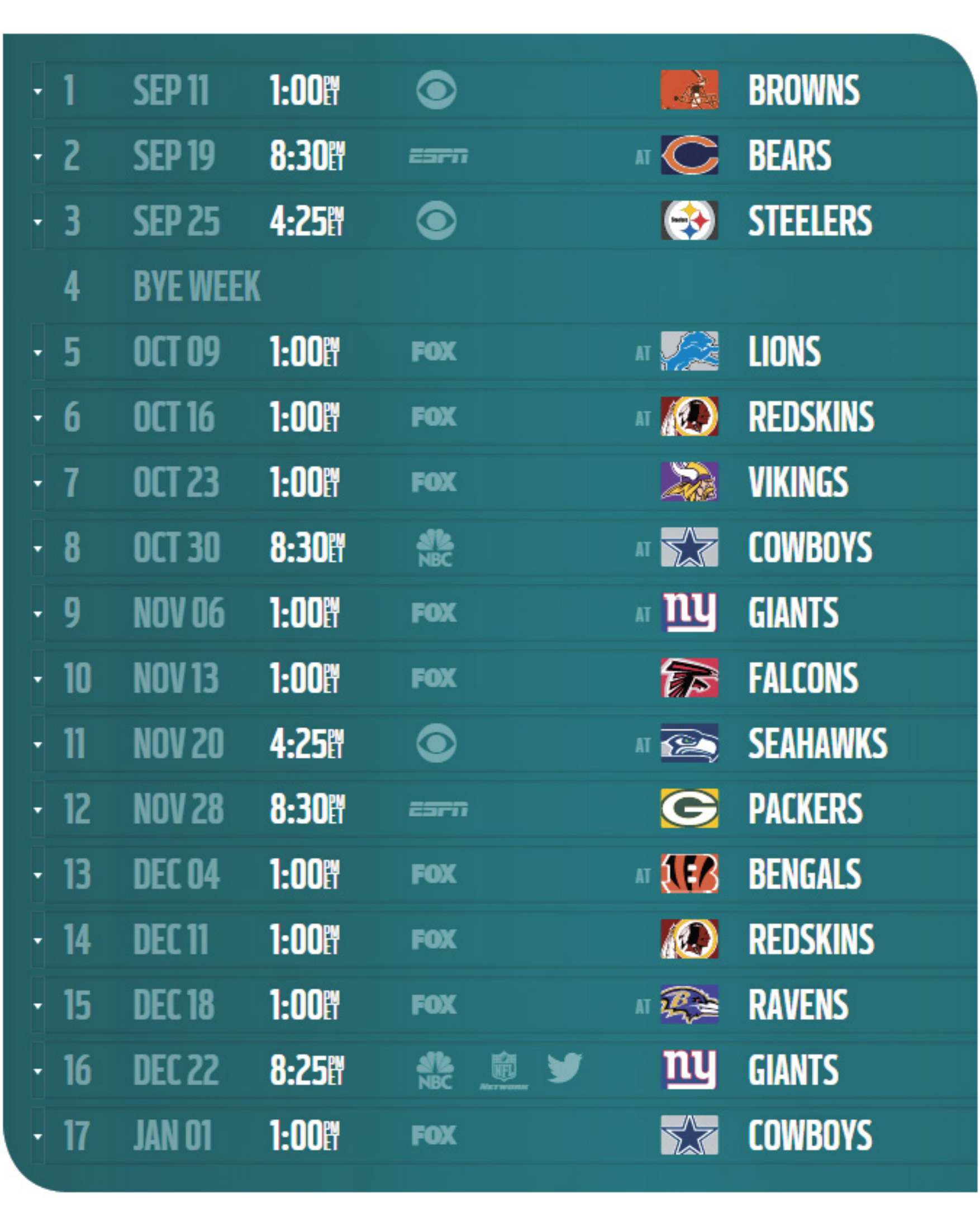

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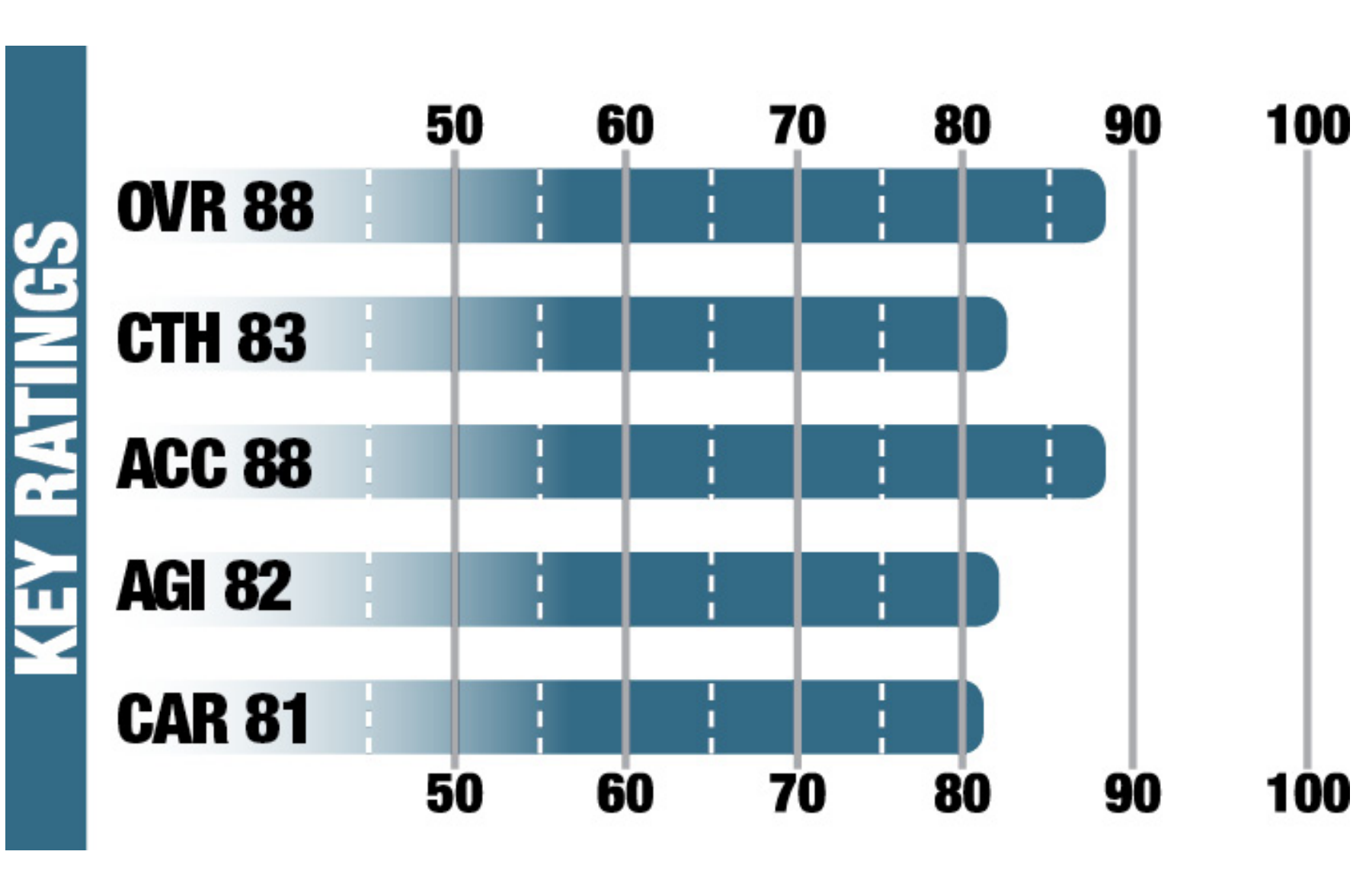
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

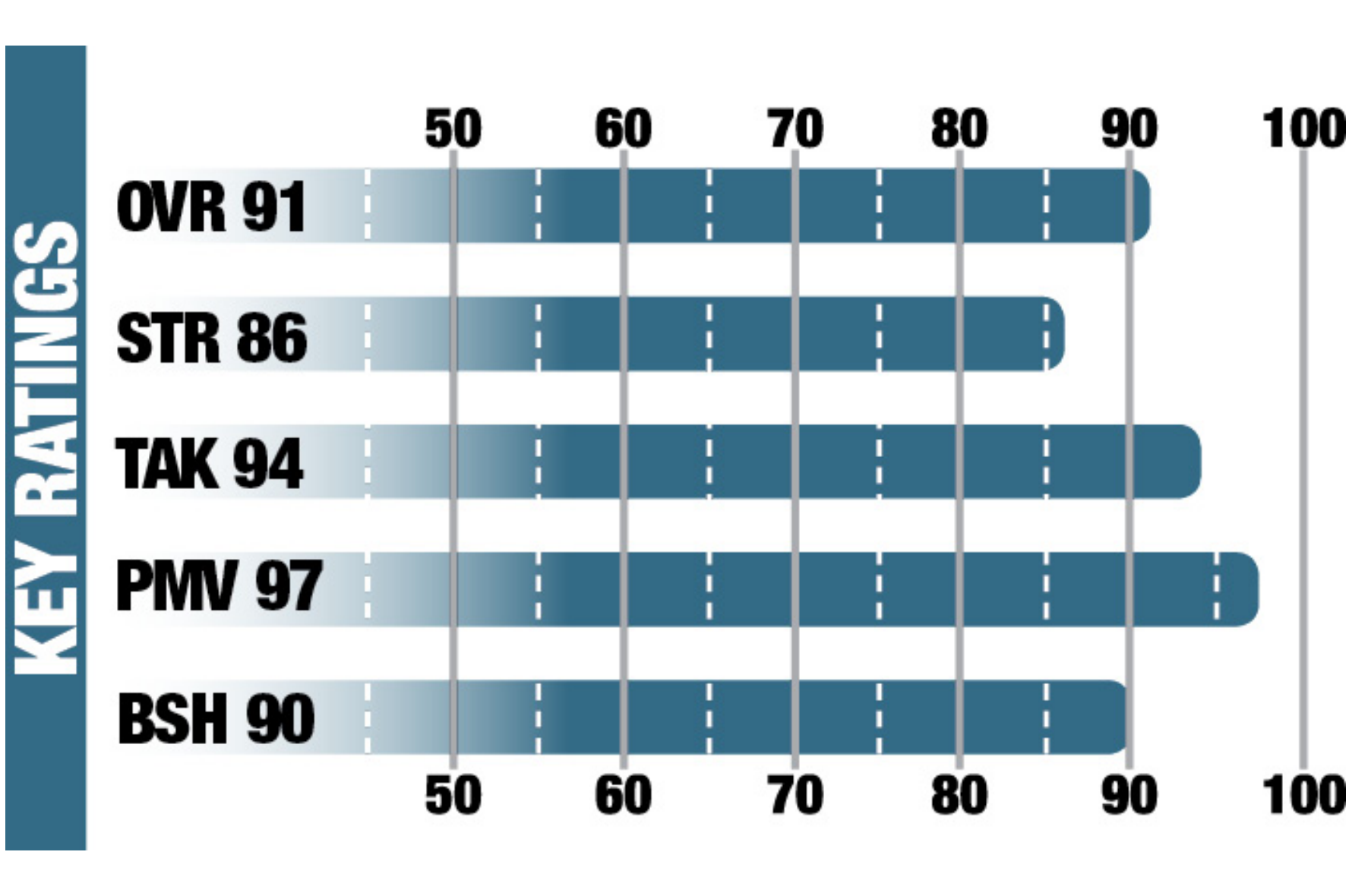
ZACH ERTZ #86
TE #86 HT 6'5" WT 250 COLLEGE Stanford EXP 3



- Continue to work on Ertz's speed to round out his skill set.
- Zach Ertz is a great blocker and can be used on the run, but he's also ideal for short cuts over the top.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

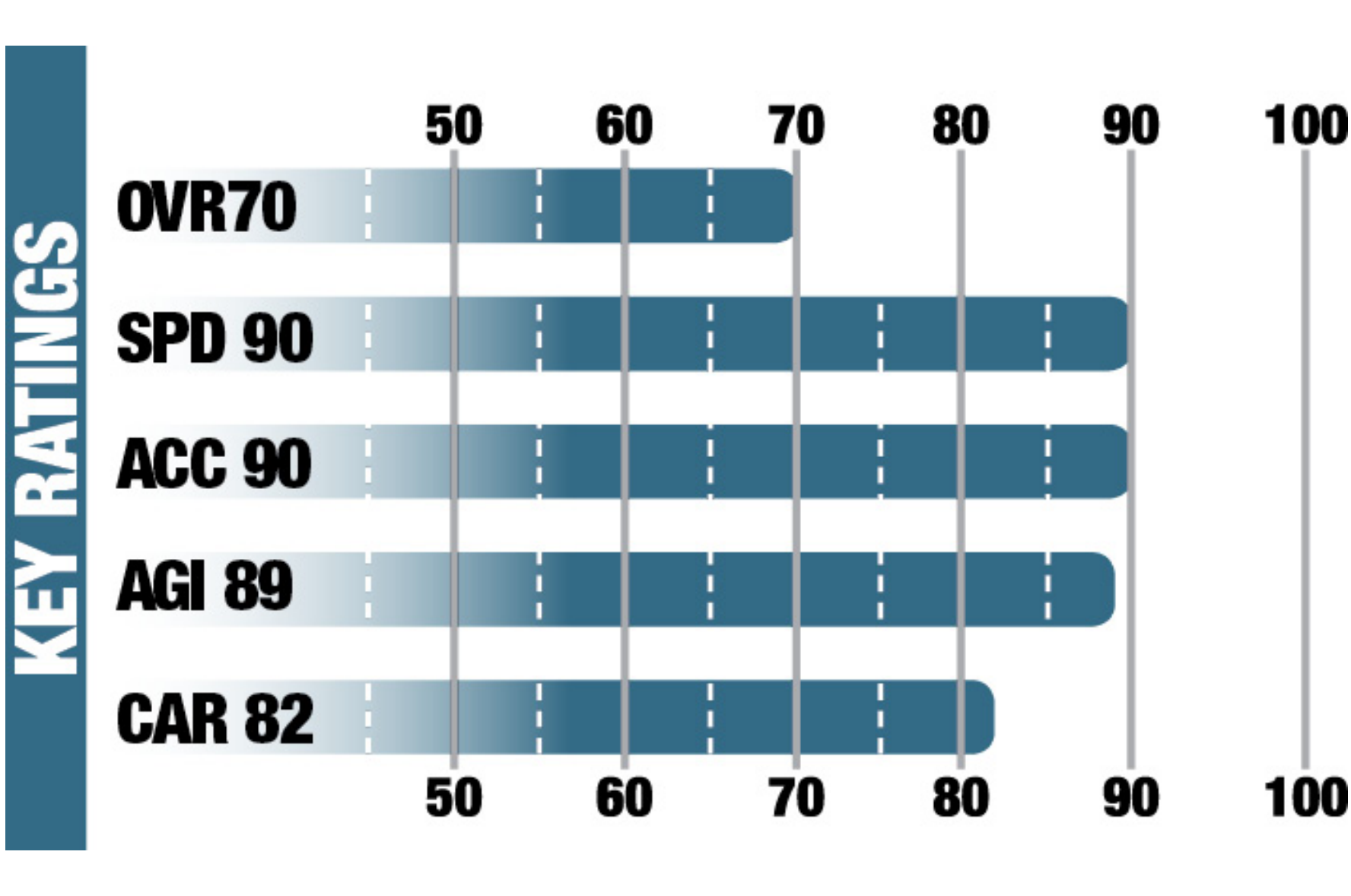
FLETCHER COX #91
DT #91 HT 6'4" WT 310 COLLEGE Mississippi St. EXP 4



- Cox is a rare player who can rush the passer as a 3-4 end, but work on his strength in the run game.
- Cox should be in the game on all passing downs. Sub him in at DT when you go to passing defenses.

KEY ROOKIE

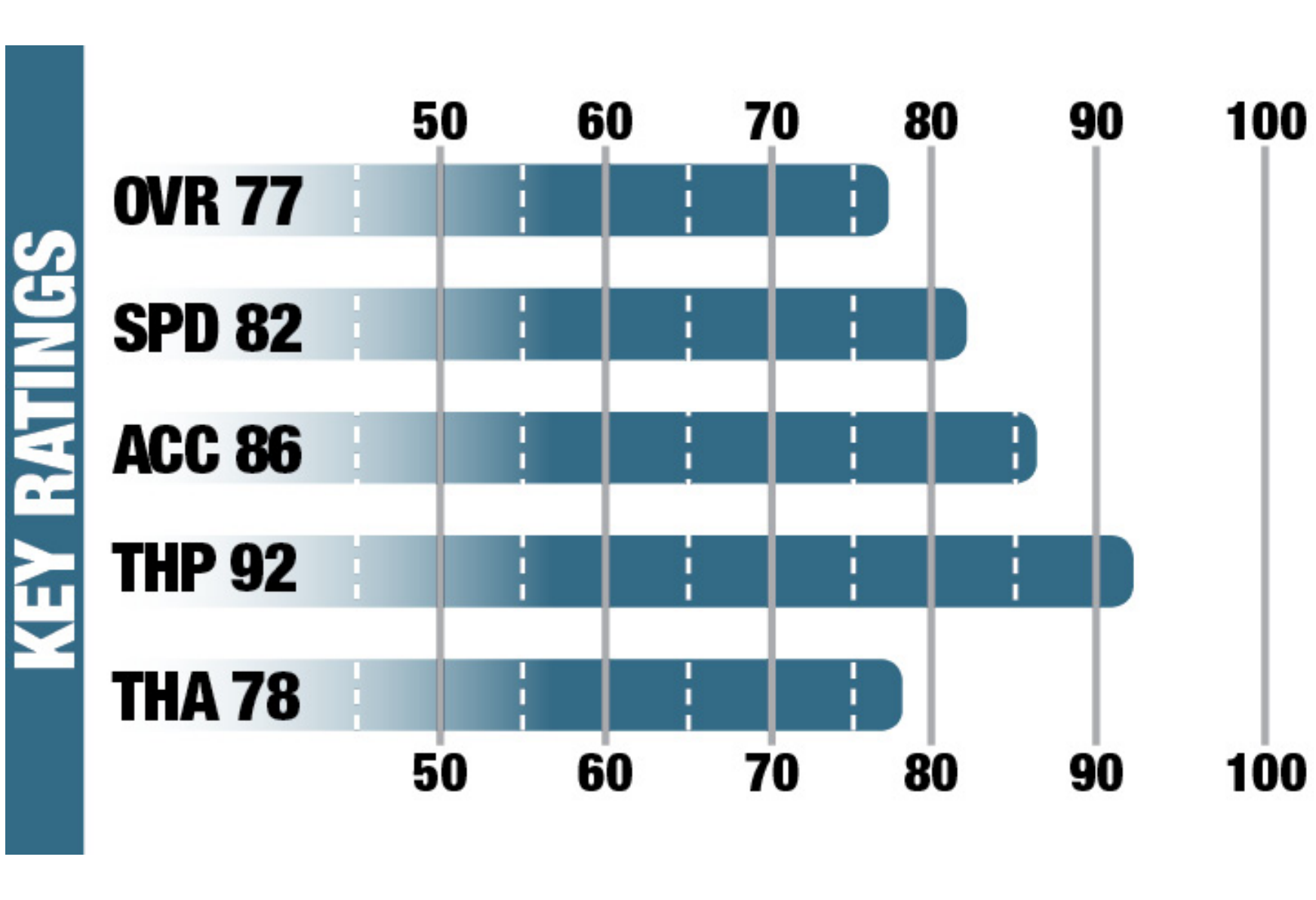
WENDELL SMALLWOOD #28
HB #28 HT 5'10" WT 208 COLLEGE West Virginia EXP R



- Smallwood won't be a starter right away, but he serves as a great backup for Ryan Matthews. Once he finds his place in the NFL, he will be unstoppable.
- Smallwood has a good Trucking rating and using him head-on will provide positive results.

KEY SLEEPER

CARSON WENTZ #11
QB #11 HT 6'5" WT 237 COLLEGE North Dakota St. EXP R



- Wentz has a bright future in the league. He is second to another young QB, so build them together for different purposes.
- Build Wentz up for a season or two and it's possible he could take over for Bradford.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Sam	Bradford	78
QB	Carson	Wentz	77
QB	Chase	Daniel	71
HB	Ryan	Mathews	82
HB	Darren	Sproles	81
HB	Wendell	Smallwood	70
HB	Kenjon	Barner	69
HB	Byron	Marshall	62
WR	Jordan	Matthews	78
WR	Rueben	Randle	78
WR	Josh	Huff	73
WR	Nelson	Agholor	70
WR	Chris	Givens	68
WR	T.J.	Graham	66
WR	Hunter	Sharp	63
WR	Jonathan	Krause	58
TE	Zach	Ertz	88
TE	Brent	Celek	79
TE	Trey	Burton	69
TE	Chris	Pantale	63
TE	Jon	Dorenbos	53
TE	John	DePalma	51
LT	Jason	Peters	86
LT	Andrew	Gardner	75
LT	Hal	Vaitai	66
LG	Barrett	Jones	72
LG	Allen	Barbre	71
LG	Isaac	Seumalo	69
LG	Darrell	Greene	59
C	Jason	Kelce	82
C	Stefen	Wisniewski	80
C	Josh	Andrews	60
RG	Brandon	Brooks	80
RG	Matt	Tobin	71
RT	Lane	Johnson	85
RT	Dennis	Kelly	72

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Connor	Barwin	84
LE	Vinny	Curry	79
LE	Marcus	Smith II	66
DT	Fletcher	Cox	93
DT	Bennie	Logan	78
DT	Mike	Martin	70
DT	Beau	Allen	65
DT	Taylor	Hart	65
DT	Aziz	Shittu	60
DT	Connor	Wujciak	60
RE	Brandon	Graham	92
RE	Bryan	Braman	71
RE	Steven	Means	65
RE	Alex	McCalister	60
LOLB	Mychal	Kendricks	85
LOLB	Deontae	Skinner	61
MLB	Jordan	Hicks	74
MLB	Najee	Goode	64
MLB	Joe	Walker	60
ROLB	Nigel	Bradham	76
ROLB	Quentin	Gause	57
CB	Nolan	Carroll II	76
CB	Leodis	McKelvin	75
CB	Eric	Rowe	72
CB	Ron	Brooks	68
CB	Randall	Evans	68
CB	Jaylen	Watkins	68
CB	JaCorey	Shepherd	64
CB	Jalen	Mills	63
CB	Denzel	Rice	63
FS	Malcolm	Jenkins	93
FS	Ed	Reynolds II	70
SS	Rodney	McLeod Jr.	81
SS	Chris	Maragos	73
SS	Blake	Countess	67

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Caleb	Sturgis	76
K	Cody	Parkey	75
P	Donnie	Jones	79

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: NEAR CLOSE – HB INSIDE

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I-Form Close – Zone Weak	Near Close – FB Dive	I-Form Pro – FB Dive Strong	I-Form Twin TE – HB Power G	I-Form Close – HB Sweep	Gun Trey Open Offset – 5 6 Trap
I-Form Close – HB Stretch	Near Close – HB Inside	I-Form Pro – Inside Zone	I-Form Twin TE – FB Dive	Gun Ace Twins Offset – Inside Zone	Pistol Strong Twins – HB Power O
Gun Bunch Wide – Outside Zone	Gun Bunch Open Offset – Read Option	Gun Bunch Open Offset – Inside Zone	I-Form Twin TE – HB Toss	Singleback Doubles – HB Stretch	Gun Ace Offset – Outside Zone

BEST PASS: GUN ACE TWINS OFFSET - POSTS

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Bunch Wide – Seam Divide	Gun Bunch Wide – Y Trail	Gun Snugs Flipped – PA Eagle Seam	Gun Snugs Flipped – PA Clown Shot	Gun Normal Flex Wk – HB Slip Screen	Gun Bunch Wide – Verticals
Gun Normal Flex Wk – FL Drive	Gun Trey Open Offset – PA WR Screen	Gun Trio Offset Wk – PA Eagles Spot	Gun Wing Deep Offset – PA Zone Shot	Gun Trey Open Offset – Mtn HB Swing	Gun Trio Falcon – Verticals
Gun Y-Trips HB Wk – Under	Gun Y-Trips Offset – Slot Drive	Gun Wing Deep Offset – Slants	Singleback Ace Pair – Close PA Post	Gun Trio Falcon – PA Shot Wheel	Gun Trio Offset Wk – Fake Screen Wheel

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 4-4 SPLIT – LB FIRE

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	4-4 Split – Cover 2 Invert	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Dime Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Sky	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	4-4 Split – FS Blitz	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Dime Normal – DB Blitz	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Buzz 2

BEST PASS D: DOLLAR 3-2-6 – COVER 3 MATCH

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Mike Will Blitz	4-4 Split – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	4-3 Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 2 Man LB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Man	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky	4-4 Split – Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	4-3 Wide 9 – Tampa 2	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 3 Sky Press

Atlanta Falcons

GAMEPLAY RATING 83

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 82
Offense: 87
Defense: 81
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Strengths: FB, WR, CB
Weaknesses: RG, FS, SS

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

2nd NFC South (8-8-0)
Passing Offense: 6th
Rushing Offense: 19th
Passing Defense: 18th
Rushing Defense: 14th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Matt Ryan: 4,591
Rushing: Davonta Freeman: 1,056
Receiving: Julio Jones: 1,871
Tackles: Paul Worrilow: 95
Sacks: Vic Beasley: 4
INTS: Ricardo Allen: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

LT Tom Compton
WR Aldrick Robinson
CB DeMarcus Van Dyke

KEY ROOKIES

SS Keanu Neal
ROLB Deion Jones
TE Austin Hooper

COACH

Dan Quinn
Level: 2
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Matt Ryan had another good season last year. One more could be what it takes to take the Falcons all the way now that their QB has the offensive line to help him.
- It's up to the younger members of the team to carry the load of running the ball. The battle will be between Devonta Freeman, Tevin Colman, and Terron Ward for the starting role. Coleman is probably the best overall player, but still needs time to develop.
- Star WR Julio Jones is a playmaker and should be signed for the long term immediately. There's still room for someone to step up as WR2. Look up to Levine Toilolo at TE, who is not only young but also one of the biggest players in the league. He must become more than a run blocker if the Falcons are going to win double-digit games.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Falcons' defensive line still has plenty of options, depending on what fronts you want to use. Consider getting Vic Beasley Jr. and Ra'Shede Hageman snaps because your starters are solid but aging.
- Atlanta has a strong LB corps with Brooks Reed and Paul Worillow. Put them alongside LB Philip Wheeler and he can develop into a solid zone defender.
- The secondary has a young crew to build and form around CB Desmond Trufant. Consider signing a veteran for the short term while you develop someone to play opposite of him. At the safety position, don't let Overall ratings fool you; test each player and start whomever plays best.

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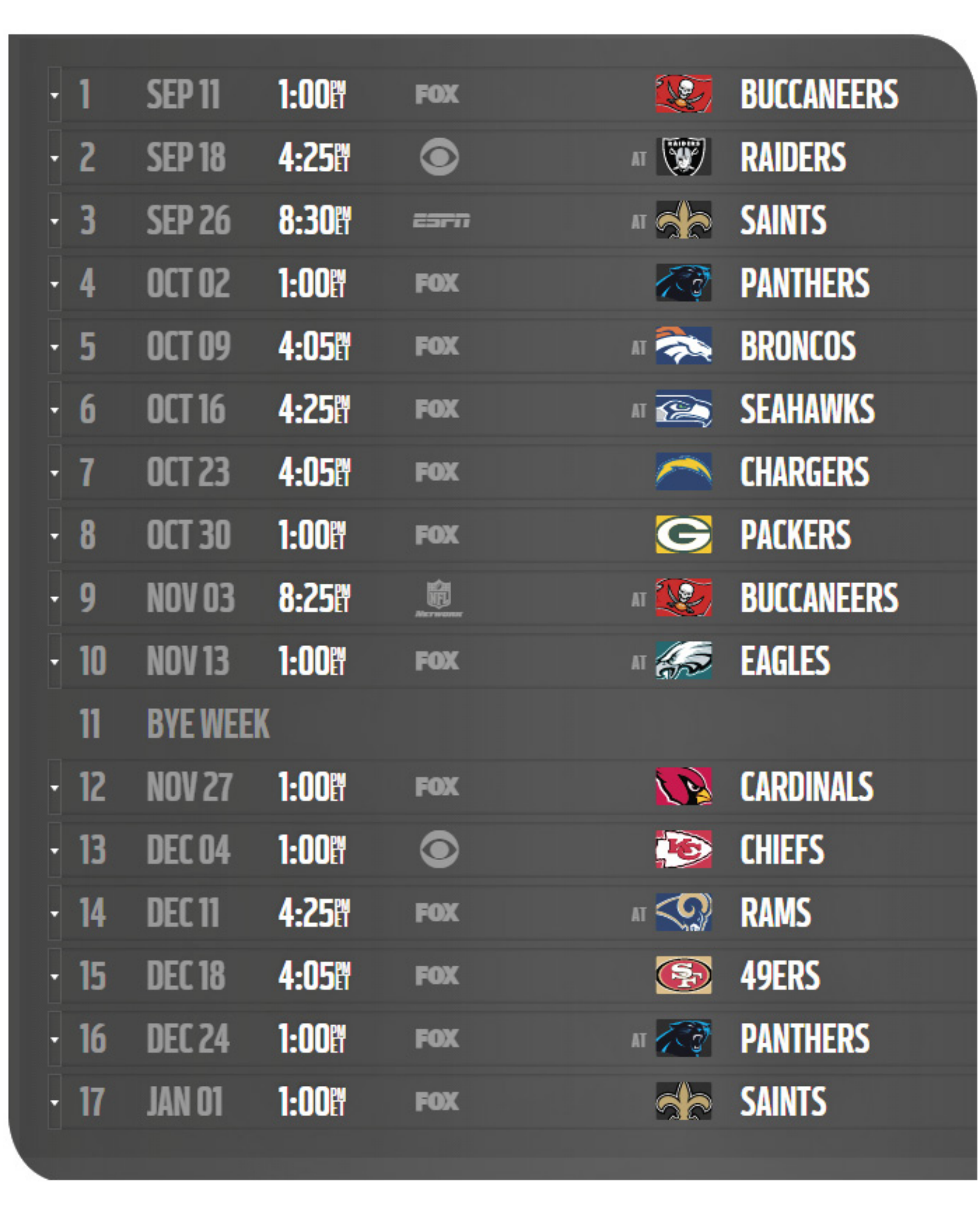

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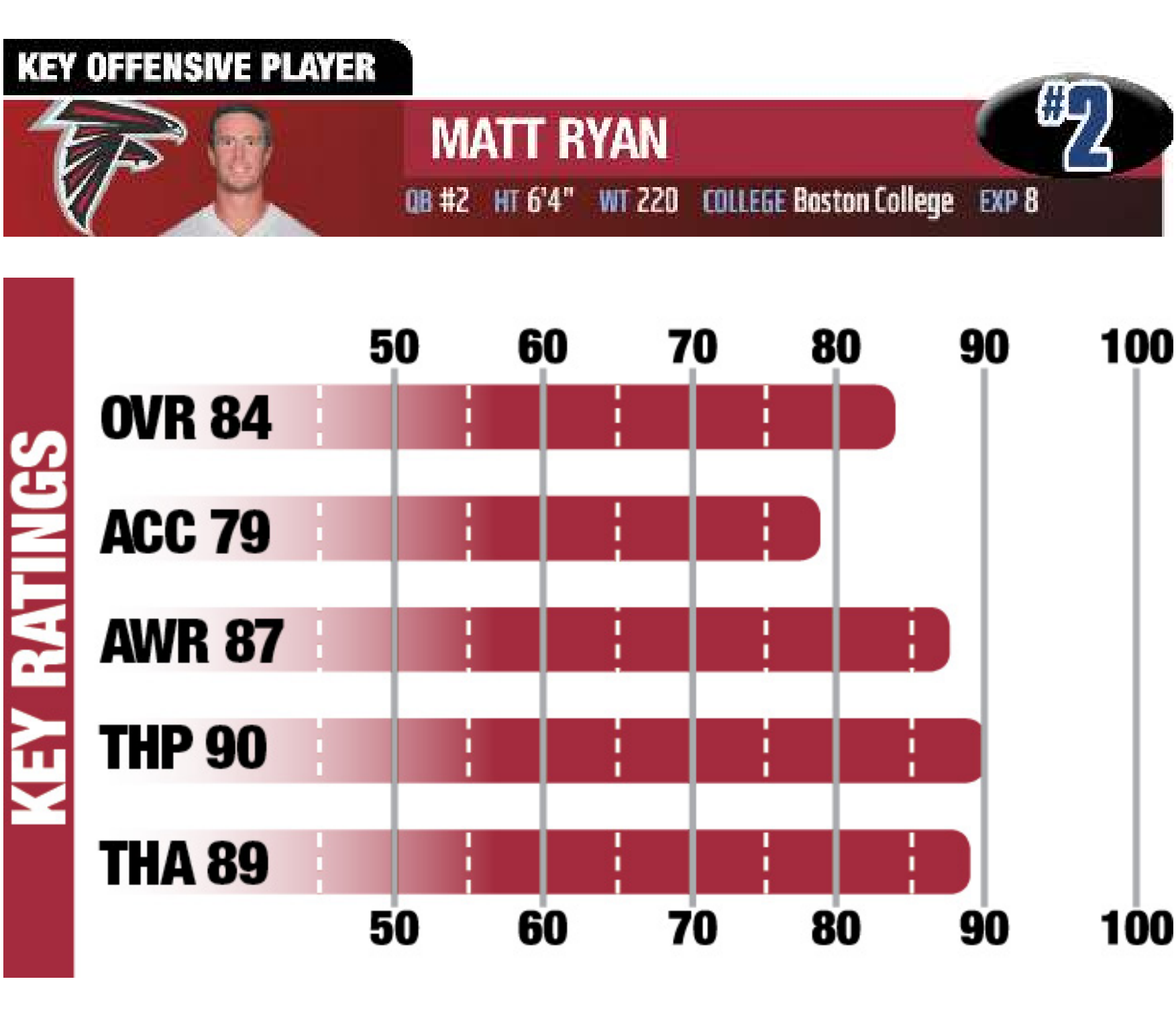
KEY PLAYERS

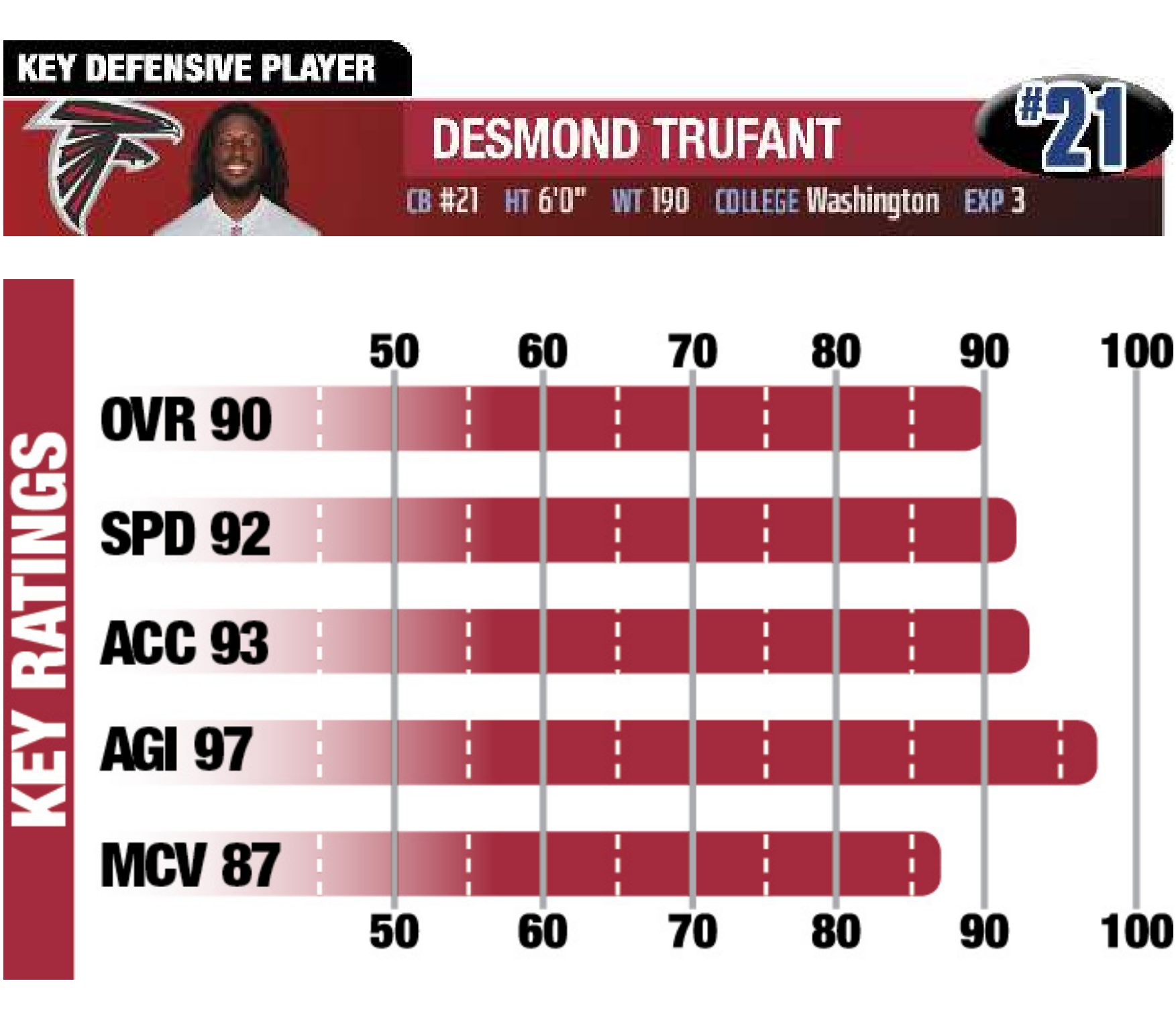
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER



MATT RYAN #2
QB #2 HT 6'4" WT 220 COLLEGE Boston College EXP 8

- Ryan is a master at executing shot plays. Look for some new ones in your playbook and unleash the deep ball.
- Ryan has the outstanding playmaker Julio Jones on the outside and should target him in one-on-one coverage.

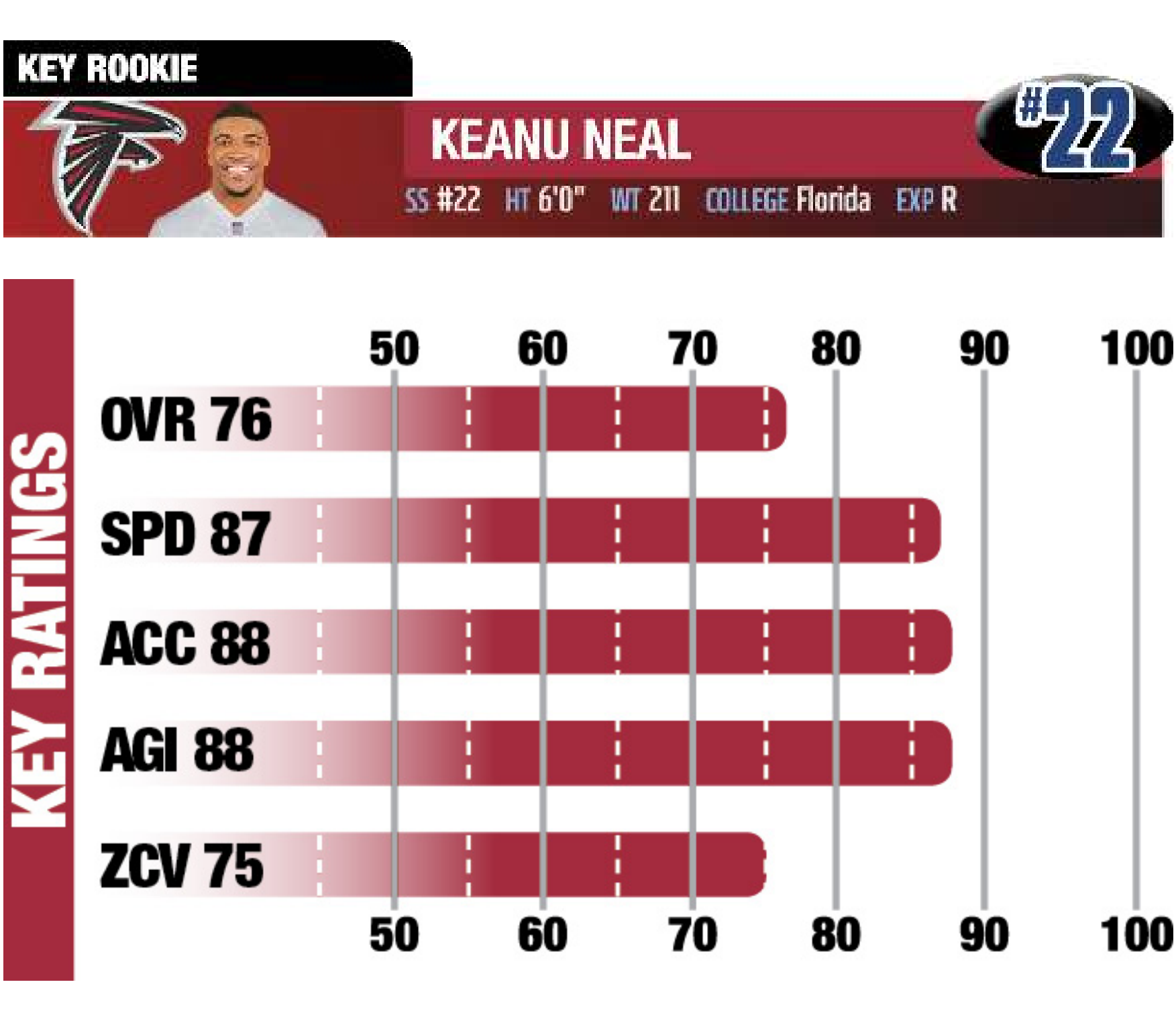
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER



DESMOND TRUFANT #21
CB #21 HT 6'0" WT 190 COLLEGE Washington EXP 3

- Trufant has a crazy 97 Agility rating and is one of the best man defenders in the game.
- Having a 6'0" frame is never a bad thing when you routinely face WRs in your division like Kelvin Benjamin and Mike Evans.

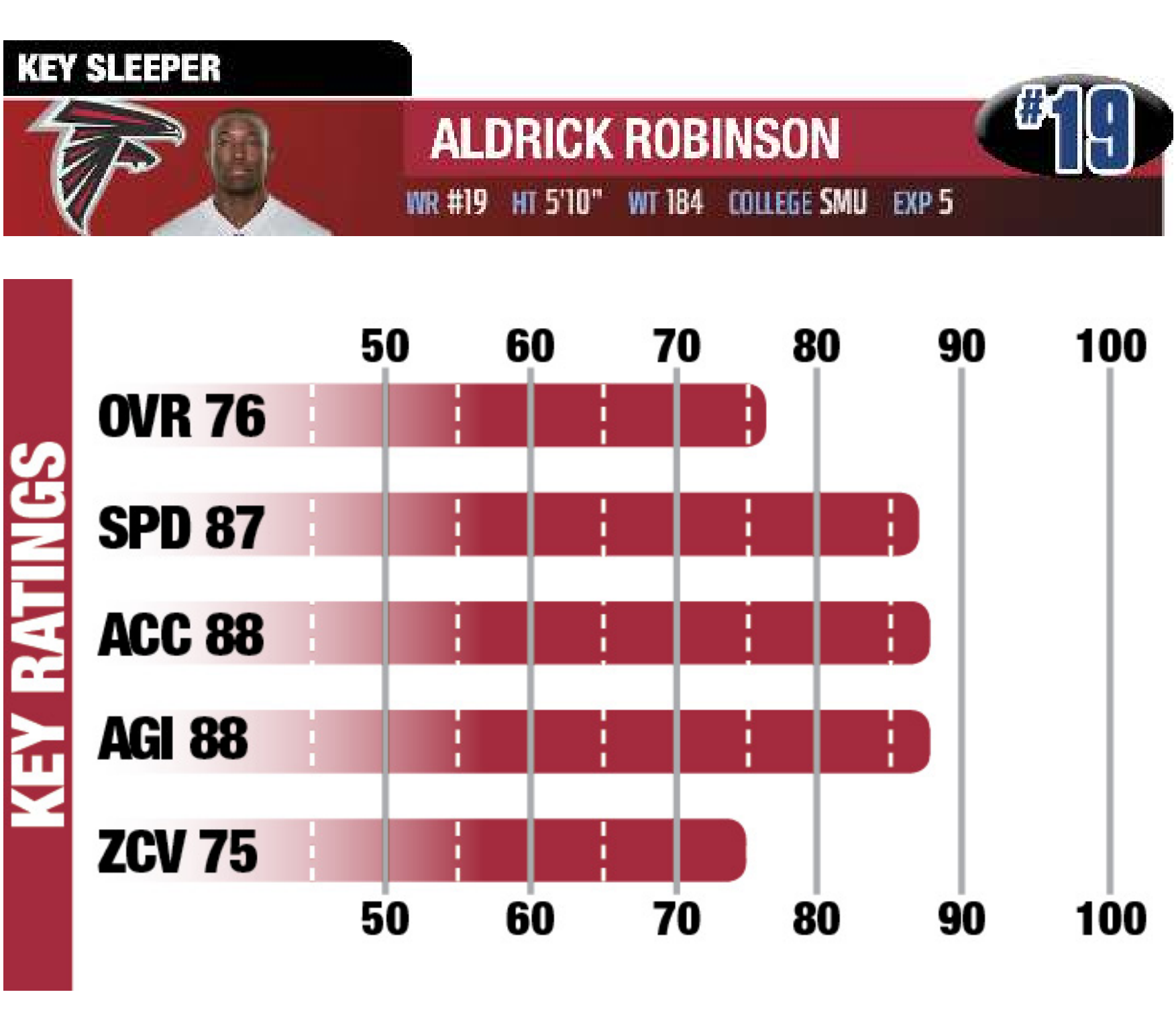
KEY ROOKIE



KEANU NEAL #22
SS #22 HT 6'0" WT 211 COLLEGE Florida EXP R

- Neal is a better zone defense player than man, but his speed is high enough to cover some mistakes he might make.
- Neal's Pursuit rating is extremely high, making him a key player when shutting down any game changers on the offense.

KEY SLEEPER



ALDRICK ROBINSON #19
WR #19 HT 5'10" WT 184 COLLEGE SMU EXP 5

- Robinson has experience. He may not be an all-star, but in a pinch he will succeed.
- The Spectacular Catch rating on Robinson makes him the ultimate red zone receiver. Look for him to change things up and keep the defense guessing while you're scoring.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Matt	Ryan	84
QB	Matt	Schaub	70
QB	Sean	Renfree	64
QB	Matt	Simms	61
HB	Devonta	Freeman	85
HB	Tevin	Coleman	75
HB	Terron	Ward	69
HB	Gus	Johnson	63
FB	Patrick	DiMarco	91
WR	Julio	Jones	96
WR	Mohamed	Sanu	77
WR	Devin	Hester	69
WR	Eric	Weems	69
WR	Nick	Williams	69
WR	Justin	Hardy	67
WR	Aldrick	Robinson	67
WR	Devin	Fuller	62
WR	J.D.	McKissic	62
WR	Daje	Johnson	61
TE	Jacob	Tamme	79
TE	Levine	Toilolo	71
TE	Austin	Hooper	70
TE	Josh	Harris	63
LT	Jake	Matthews	80
LT	Tom	Compton	73
LT	Laurence	Gibson	64
LG	Andy	Levitre	80
LG	Ben	Garland	66
LG	Wes	Schweitzer	64
C	Alex	Mack	81
C	Mike	Person	70
RG	Chris	Chester	78
RG	James	Stone	75
RG	Shahbaz	Ahmed	61
RT	Ryan	Schraeder	85
RT	Bryce	Harris	73

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Adrian	Clayborn	77
LE	Malliciah	Goodman	68
DT	Jonathan	Babineaux	81
DT	Tyson	Jackson	77
DT	Grady	Jarrett	72
DT	Chris	Mayes	61
DT	Cory	Johnson	58
RE	Ra'Shede	Hageman	74
RE	Derrick	Shelby	72
LOLB	Sean	Weatherspoon	77
LOLB	Vic	Beasley Jr.	76
LOLB	Philip	Wheeler	75
MLB	Brooks	Reed	75
MLB	Paul	Worrilow	74
MLB	LaRoy	Reynolds	67
MLB	De'Vondre	Campbell	64
ROLB	Courtney	Upshaw	78
ROLB	Deion	Jones	71
ROLB	Tyler	Starr	64
ROLB	Torrey	Green	62
ROLB	Ivan	McLennan	61
CB	Desmond	Trufant	90
CB	Robert	Alford	77
CB	Jalen	Collins	71
CB	DeMarcus	Van Dyke	67
CB	C.J.	Goodwin	61
CB	Devonte	Johnson	61
CB	Akeem	King	61
CB	David	Mims II	61
FS	Ricardo	Allen	75
FS	Robenson	Therezie	68
SS	Kemal	Ishmael	79
SS	Keanu	Neal	76
SS	Charles	Godfrey	72
SS	Sharrod	Neasman	62
SS	Brian	Poole	60

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Matt	Bryant	81
P	Matt	Bosher	81

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK ACE - STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I-Form Close – Zone Weak	I-Form Tight Twins – HB Iso	I-Form Twins – HB Lead Dive	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Stack Wk – Inside Zone Split	I-Form Pro – End Around
I-Form Close – HB Stretch	I-Form Twin TE – Zone Weak	I-Form Pro – Slam Fk End Arnd	Goal Line – HB Toss	Gun Trey Open – HB Off Tackle	Gun Empty Base Flex – QB Draw
I-Form Tight Twins – HB Stretch	I-Form Twin TE – HB Stretch	Gun Split Close – Power O	Goal Line – FB Dive	Gun Trey Open – Inside Zone	Gun Trio Falcon – HB Base

BEST PASS: GUN STACK OFFSET WK – CURL SWITCH

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I-Form Close – Mesh	Gun Trio Falcon – PA Deep Attack	Singleback Jumbo – Verts Drag	Gun Trio Falcon – PA Shot Wheel	Gun Empty Base Flex – WR Screen	Gun Trio Falcon – PA Shot Wheel
I-Form Tight Twins – Bench	Singleback Ace Pair – Y Stick	Strong Close – Y Trail	Singleback Bunch Ace – PA Fork Shot	Gun Split Close – HB Wheel	Gun Trio Falcon – Verticals
Gun Bunch Wide – Clearout FL In	Singleback Big Twins – Slot Under	Strong Close – WR Out	Gun Trey Open – PA WR In	Gun Split Close – PA F Slide	Gun Trey Y-Flex Wk – Mtn Verticals

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 4-3 OVER PLUS – COVER 4

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	4-6 Bear Under – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-4-2 – Blitz C	Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Cloud Press	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	4-6 Bear Under – LB Dogs	Goal Line 5-4-2 Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Buzz Press	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky Press

BEST PASS D: DOLLAR 3-2-6 COVER 4 QB CONTAIN

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Mike Will Blitz	5-2 Normal – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	4-3 Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 2 Man LB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Man	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky	5-2 Normal – Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	4-3 Wide 9 – Tampa 2	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 3 Sky Press

San Francisco 49ers

GAMEPLAY RATING 76

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 76
Offense: 75
Defense: 79
Offensive Scheme: Spread
Defensive Scheme: Base 3-4
Strengths: LT, HB, CB
Weaknesses: WR, RG, MLB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

4th NFC West (5-11-0)
Passing Offense: 29th
Rushing Offense: 21st
Passing Defense: 27th
Rushing Defense: 29th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Blaine Gabbert: 2,031
Rushing: Carlos Hyde: 470
Receiving: Anquan Boldin: 789
Tackles: NaVorro Bowman: 116
Sacks: Ahmad Brooks: 6.5
INTS: Kenneth Acker: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

LE Tony Jerod-Eddie
LG Zane Beadles
TE Je'Ron Hamm

KEY ROOKIES

RE DeForest Buckner
RG Joshua Garnett
CB Will Redmond

COACH

Chip Kelly
Level: 9
Offensive Scheme: Spread
Defensive Scheme: Base 3-4

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- With Blaine Gabbert having taken over at QB last season, there is still some strength there. This is a good season to make him a real leader of the team and that should fit just right with the playbook. Colin Kaepernick is back at the starting position, but consider playing with the idea of starting Gabbert.
- The 49ers are still very young, especially with HB Carlos Hyde taking snaps in the backfield. Work on his agility to see if he can become an every-down back for your team. Until then, use Shaun Draugn as your third-down back and find creative ways to get him into the short passing game.
- The 49ers have a very fast WR Torry Smith on their offense now, and he has shown his talent. Use Patton over the middle for his Speed and Catch skills, but don't expect a whole lot of yards after the catch.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The biggest question on the defensive line: Can anyone on the line step in and take over as the anchor. Look to snag a veteran with power, strength and block shedding to cover what you need.
- While the 49ers lost some more talent in the offseason, they still have solid, elite players with some youth and depth to build around. Upgrade the young players and demand that they step up.
- CB Tramaine Brock is good in man coverage, while CB Dontae Johnson has the size to match up with WRs, so use any extra XP to build him into a lockdown man defender. The Cover 2 Sing is an excellent way to take advantage of your lineup!

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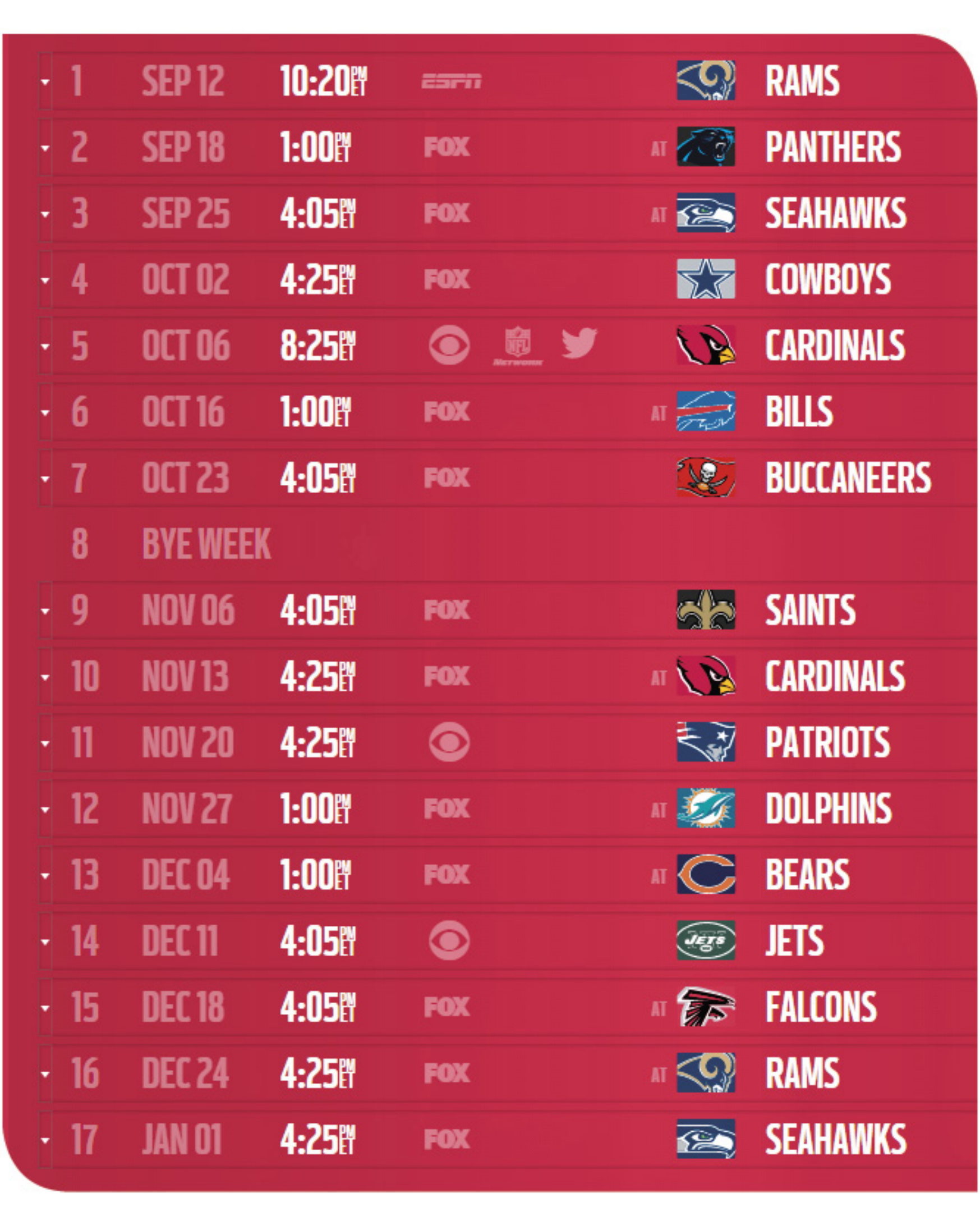

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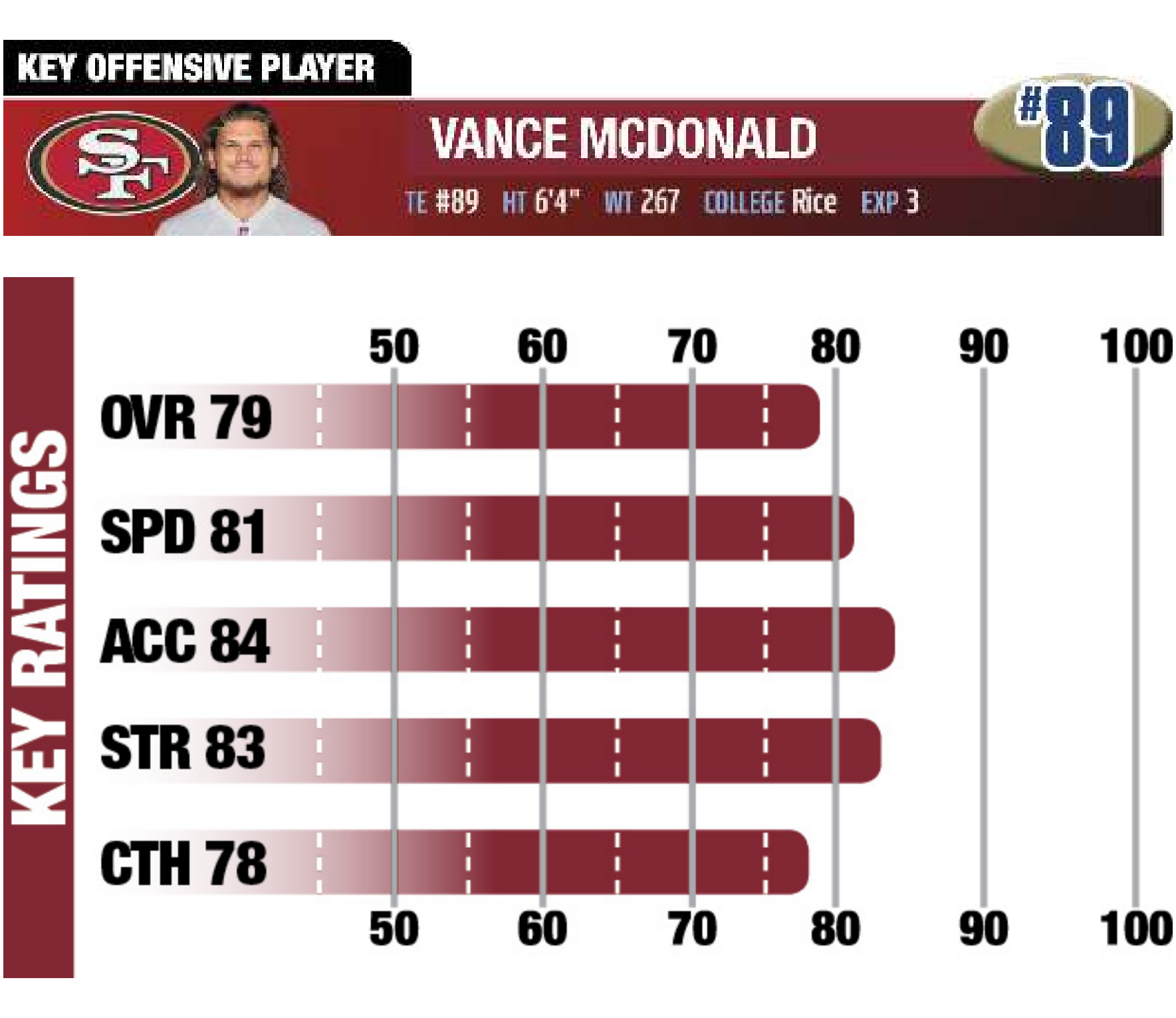
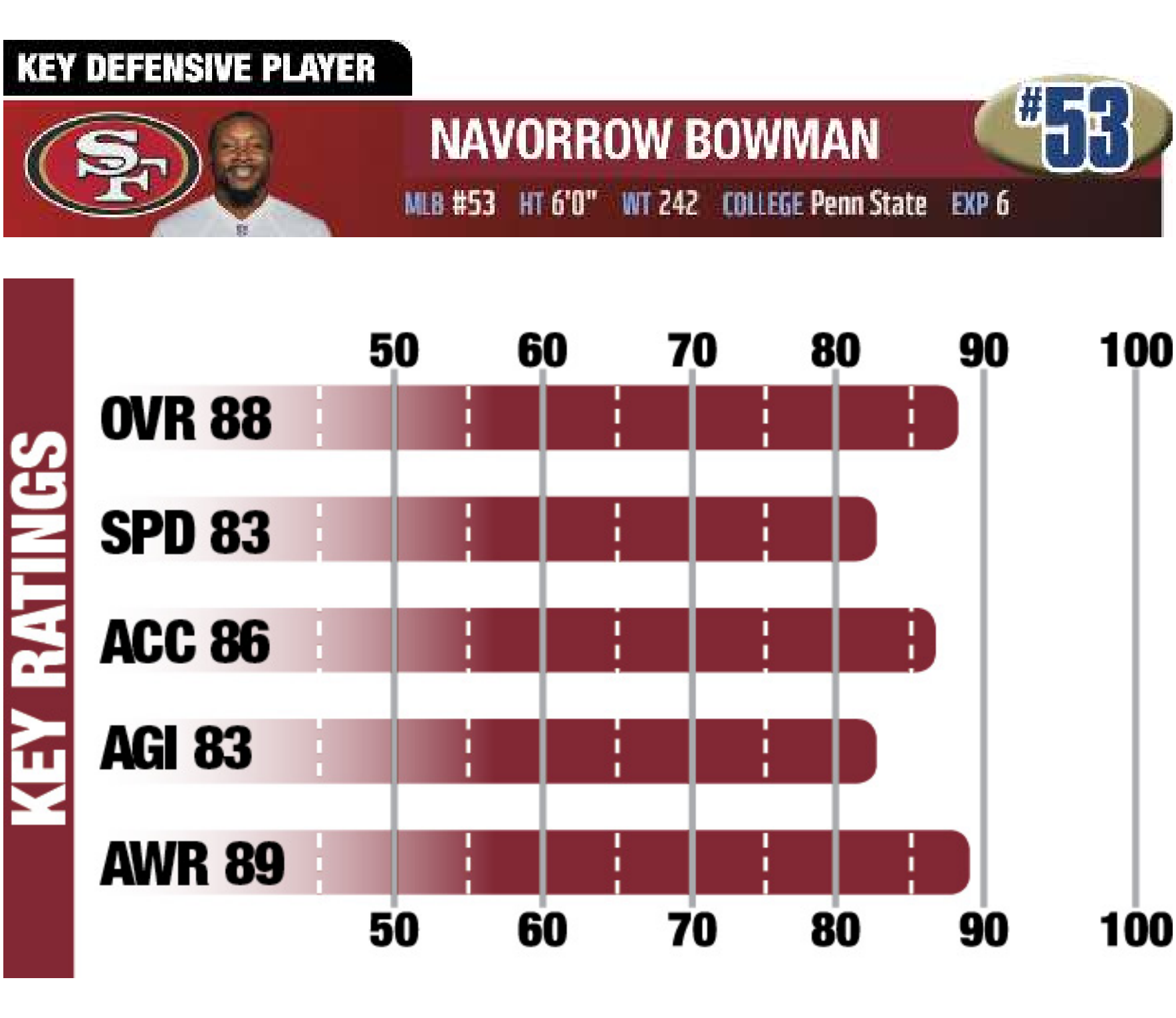
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER



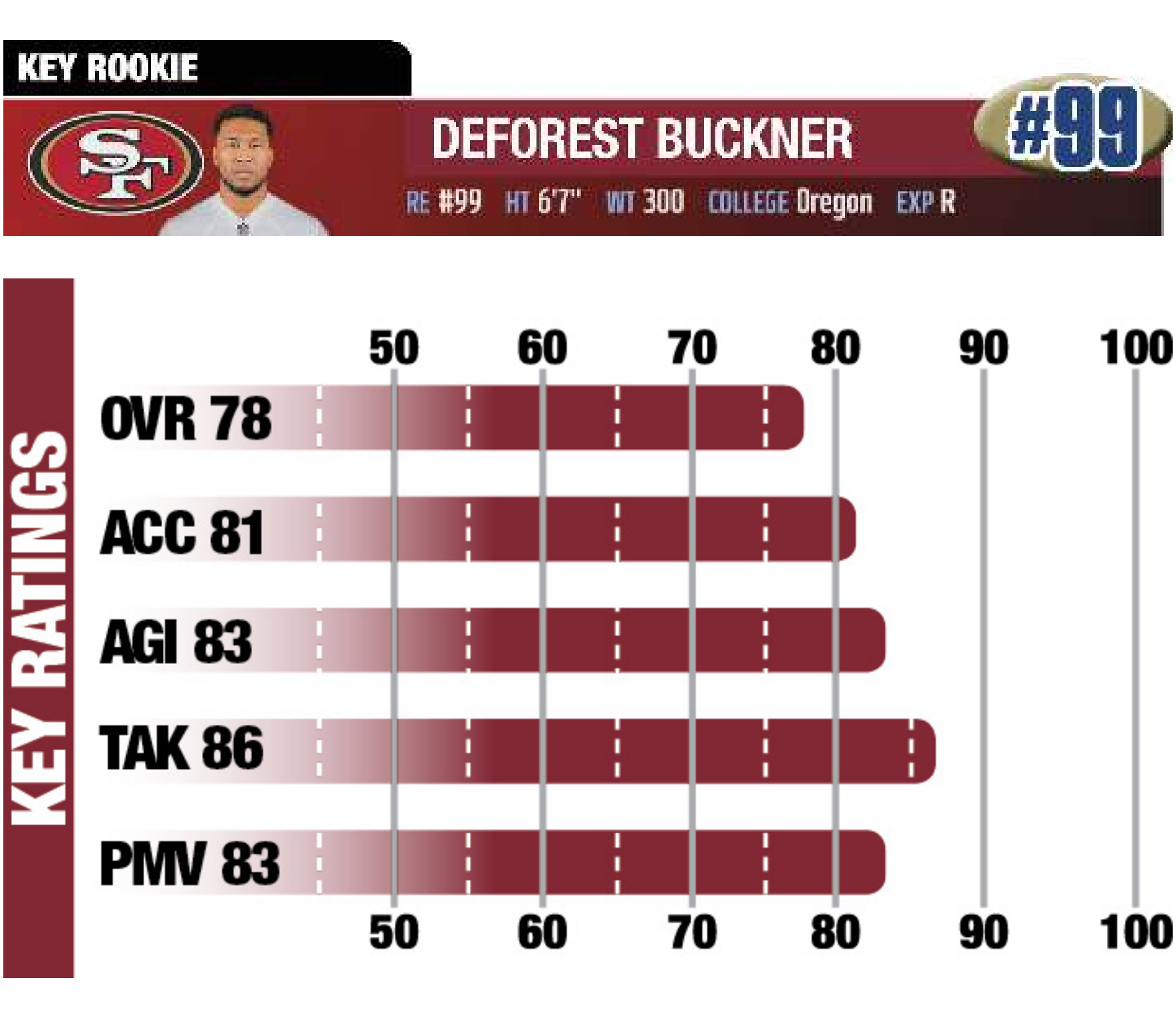
- McDonald is an all-around all-star. He's up for this challenge and must take over.
- His Toughness and Trucking ratings are excellent, which will allow him to gain some yards after the catch.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER



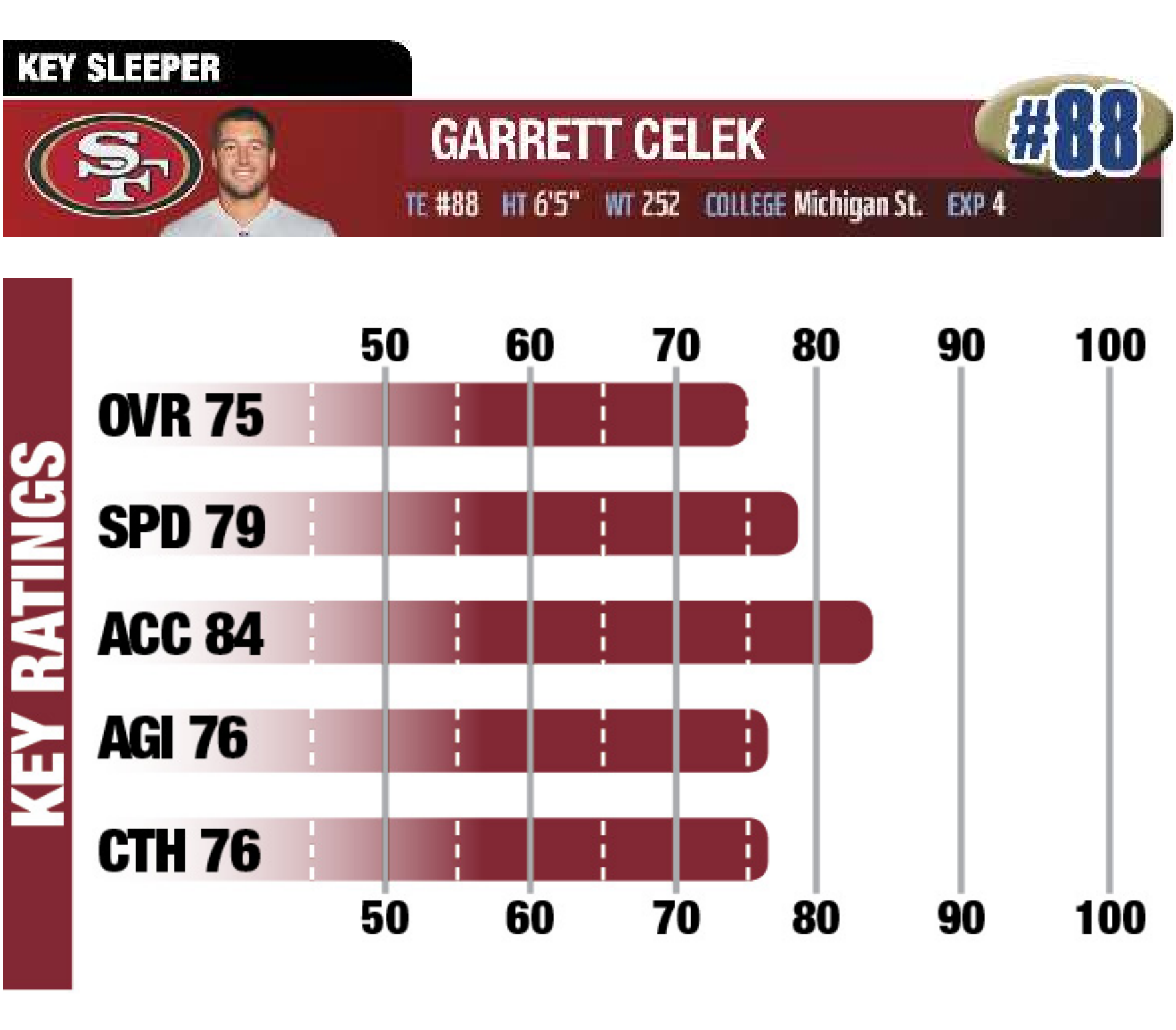
- Bowman has proven that he's healthy. He has embraced his role on the defense and can truly be a leader this season.
- Bowman's Block Shed rating makes him a star in the run game.

KEY ROOKIE



- The team really needed a solid RE and they got one. Buckner should see a high number of sacks this season.
- Buckner is extremely powerful, so use his Power Move to bust through the offensive line.

KEY SLEEPER



- Calek may not be playing in the first position, but he's still a solid player. He can catch in most situations on the field.
- Know your scheme and use Garrett Calek if you plan on a power rushing attack.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Blaine	Gabbert	74
QB	Colin	Kaepernick	74
QB	Jeff	Driskel	66
QB	Thad	Lewis	65
HB	Carlos	Hyde	81
HB	Shaun	Draughn	74
HB	Mike	Davis	71
HB	Kelvin	Taylor	67
FB	Bruce	Miller	77
WR	Torrey	Smith	78
WR	Quinton	Patton	70
WR	Bruce	Ellington	69
WR	Jerome	Simpson	68
WR	DeAndrew	White	65
WR	DeAndre	Smelter	64
WR	Aaron	Burbridge	63
WR	Devon	Cajuste	63
WR	Dres	Anderson	62
TE	Vance	McDonald	78
TE	Garrett	Celek	75
TE	Blake	Bell	65
TE	Je'Ron	Hamm	65
TE	Busta	Anderson	64
TE	Kyle	Nelson	52
LT	Joe	Staley	89
LT	John	Theus	63
LG	Zane	Beadles	73
LG	Ian	Silberman	67
C	Daniel	Kilgore	71
C	Marcus	Martin	65
RG	Joshua	Garnett	74
RG	Andrew	Tiller	71
RG	Brandon	Thomas	67
RT	Erik	Pears	68
RT	Fahn	Cooper	66
RT	Trent	Brown	65

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Arik	Armstead	77
LE	Glenn	Dorsey	70
LE	Tony	Jerod-Eddie	68
DT	Ian	Williams	82
DT	Mike	Purcell	64
DT	Kaleb	Ramsey	64
RE	DeForest	Buckner	78
RE	Quinton	Dial	70
RE	Ronald	Blair III	62
LOLB	Ahmad	Brooks	74
LOLB	Tank	Carradine	71
LOLB	Corey	Lemonier	66
MLB	NaVorro	Bowman	88
MLB	Michael	Wilhoite	70
MLB	Gerald	Hodges Jr.	69
MLB	Nick	Bellore	66
MLB	Shayne	Skov	61
ROLB	Aaron	Lynch	83
ROLB	Ray-Ray	Armstrong	71
ROLB	Eli	Harold	70
ROLB	Jason	Fanaika	60
CB	Tramaine	Brock	80
CB	Dontae	Johnson	75
CB	Kenneth	Acker	74
CB	Will	Redmond	68
CB	Chris	Davis	66
CB	Keith	Reaser	66
CB	Marcus	Cromartie	65
CB	Rashard	Robinson	64
CB	Prince	Iworah	63
FS	Eric	Reid	77
FS	Jimmie	Ward	77
SS	Antoine	Bethea	77
SS	Jaquiski	Tartt	71
SS	L.J.	McCray II	63
SS	Jered	Bell	60

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Phil	Dawson	80
P	Bradley	Pinion	77

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK ACE – HB SLAM

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Ace Offset – Inside Zone	Gun Normal Offset Wk – Outside Zone	Gun Tackle Over – Inside Zone	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Ace Offset – Outside Zone	Gun Trey Open Offset – 5 6 Trap
Gun Normal Offset Wk – HB Power O	Gun Trey Open Offset – Inside Zone	Gun Trio Offset – Inside Zone	Goal Line – FB Dive	Gun Trey Open Offset – Outside Zone	Gun Wing Deep Offset – Outside Zone
Gun Wing Deep Offset Wk – Inside Zone Split	Gun Twin TE Flex Wk – Inside Zone	Gun Twin TE Flex Wk – HB Power	Goal Line – Power O	Gun Twin TE Flex Wk – Lead Read Opt	Singleback Ace Pair – HB Stretch

BEST PASS: GUN STACK OFFSET WK – MTN Z SPOT

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Spread HB Wk – Corner Strike	Gun Ace Offset – Corner Strike	Gun Ace Twins Offset – PA FL Screen	Gun Ace Twins Offset – PA Post Shot	Gun Ace Twins Offset - Posts	Gun Ace Twins Offset – Stick
Gun Tight Slot Open – Stick Spacing	Gun Split Slot – PA F Slide	Gun Split Offset – Under	Gun Twin TE Flex Wk – Posts	Gun Normal Offset Wk – PA SE Screen	Gun Normal Wing TE – Four Verticals
Gun Tight Slot Open – Wheel Switch	Gun Tackle Over – PA Bubble	Gun Tackle Over – Sprintout Smash	Singleback Ace Pair – PA Y-Drag Wheel	Gun Normal Wing TE – Mtn HB Swing	Gun Split Offset - Shakes

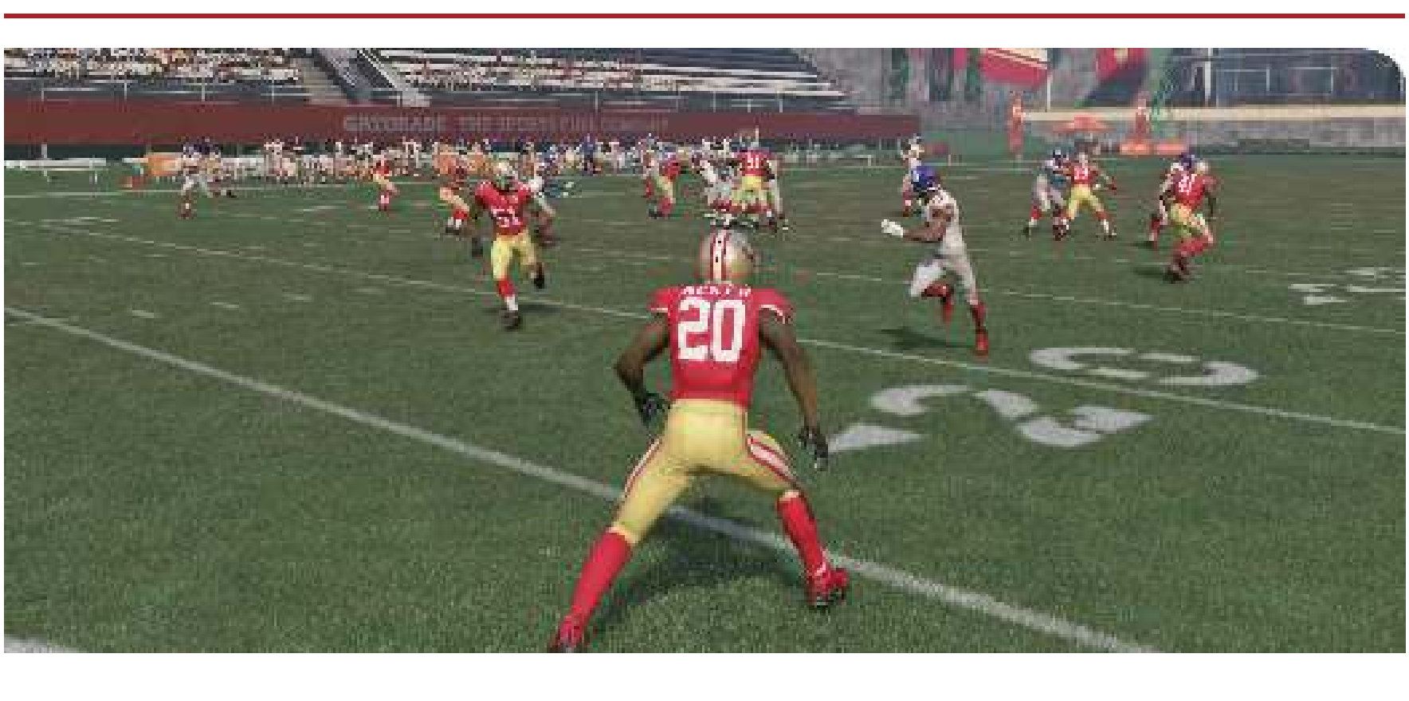
BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 4-4 SPLIT – COVER 2 INVERT

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch	3-4 Under – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Bear – Pinch Mike 0	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel 2-4- 5 – Cover 2 Man	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Mike Blitz 0
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	3-4 Under – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel 2-4- 5 – Tampa 2	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Tampa 2

BEST PASS D: BIG DIME 1-4-6 – COVER 4



PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 2 Man	3-4 Even – Tampa 2	3-4 Bear – Cover 1 Hole	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 2 Sink	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 2 Man
34 Odd – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Even – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 3 Buzz

PRIMA GAMES

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Teams

New York Giants

GAMEPLAY RATING 82

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 81
Offense: 81
Defense: 85
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Strengths: WR, QB, RE
Weaknesses: TE, LT, SS

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

3rd NFC East (6-10-0)
Passing Offense: 7th
Rushing Offense: 18th
Passing Defense: 32nd
Rushing Defense: 24th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Eli Manning: 4,432
Rushing: Rashad Jennings: 863
Receiving: Odell Beckham: 1,450
Tackles: Landon Collins: 112
Sacks: Robert Ayers: 9.5
INTS: Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

K Josh Brown
MLB Kelvin Sheppard
HB Bobby Rainey

KEY ROOKIES

CB Eli Apple
WR Sterling Sheppard
HB Paul Perkins

COACH

Ben McAdoo
Level: 1
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Eli Manning has been doing very well in a new offensive system. Look for him to build on it with the young talent surrounding him, and it should lead to more wins. Focus on quick passes to help out the offensive line and keep his completion percentage up.
- The Giants got an excellent upgrade by signing HB Bobby Rainey in the offseason. Use him to really improve the running game and take advantage of the new ball-carrying mechanic.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Giants' defensive line needs to develop some young talent this season. They can't afford to let Jason Pierre-Paul change uniforms. Hopefully some of their signings will help them get after the passer, or else blitzing your LBs will be necessary.
- LB Jon Beason has had a nice resurgence in New York, but he's rarely at 100 percent due to injuries. The Giants need their free agent signings of Jason Pierre-Paul and Oliver Vernon to be a scheme fit for this unit to be effective.
- The Giants picked up another great CB Eli Apple, which adds some strength to the secondary. Use Apple to hold the edge and take advantage of the zone defense.

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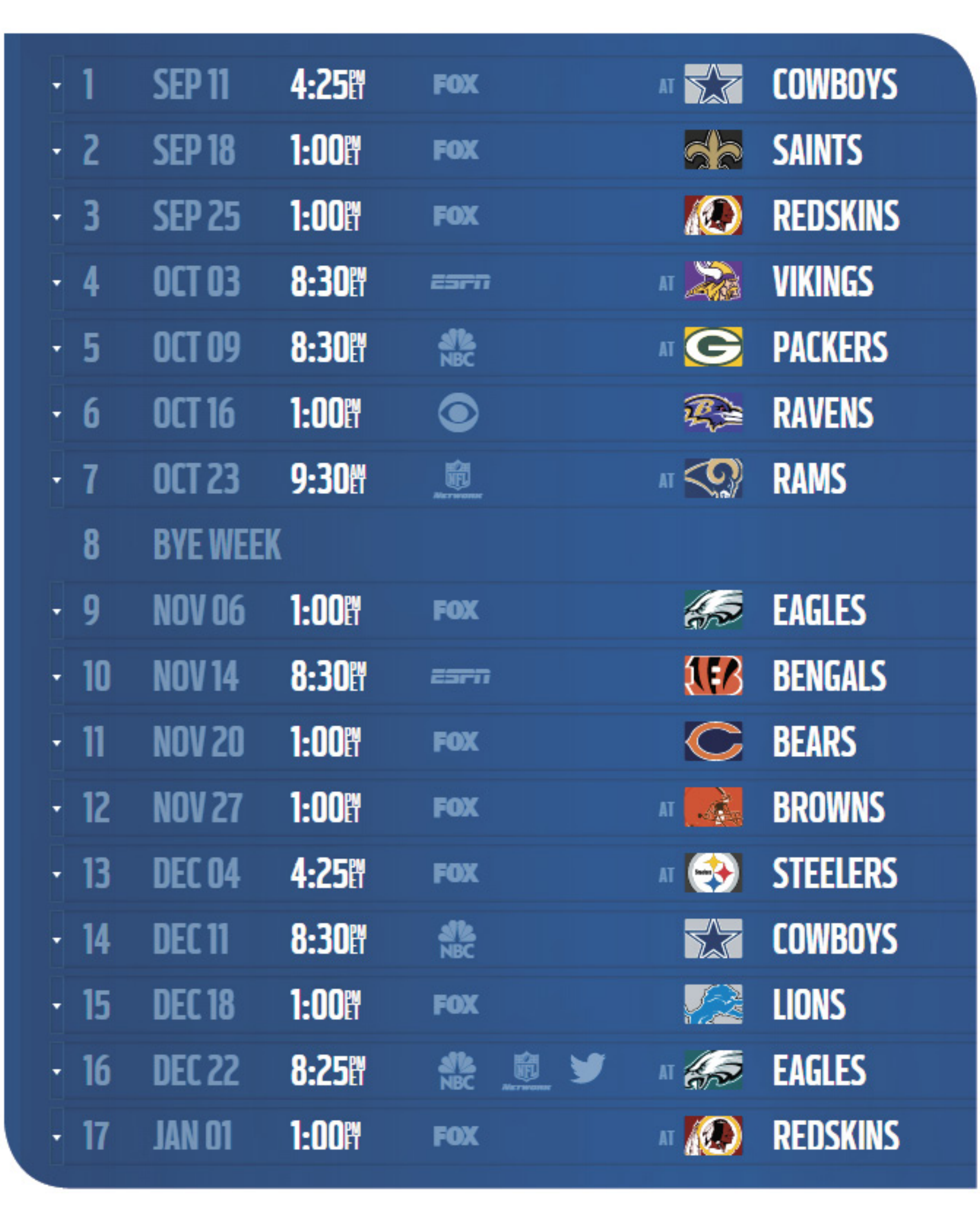

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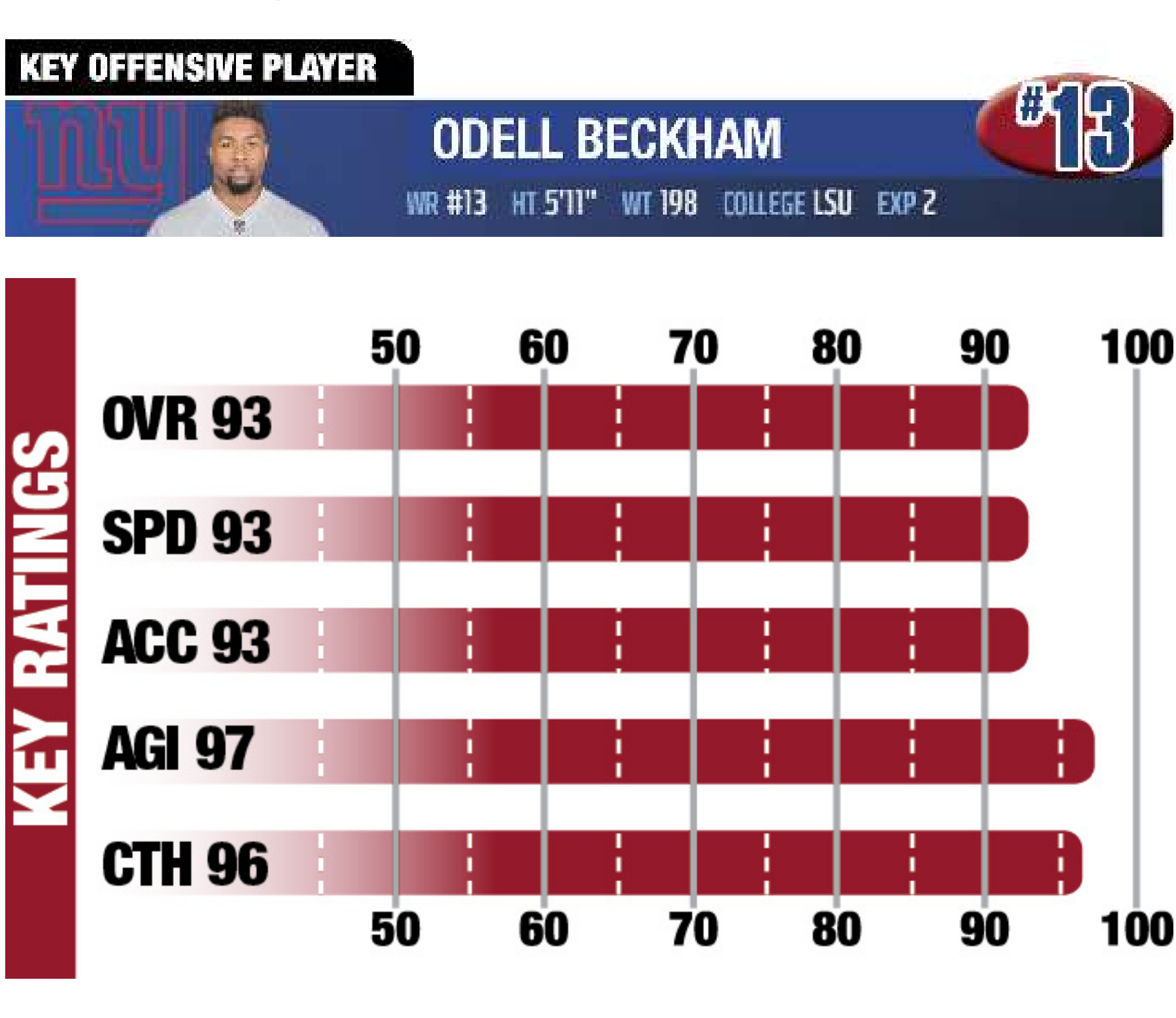
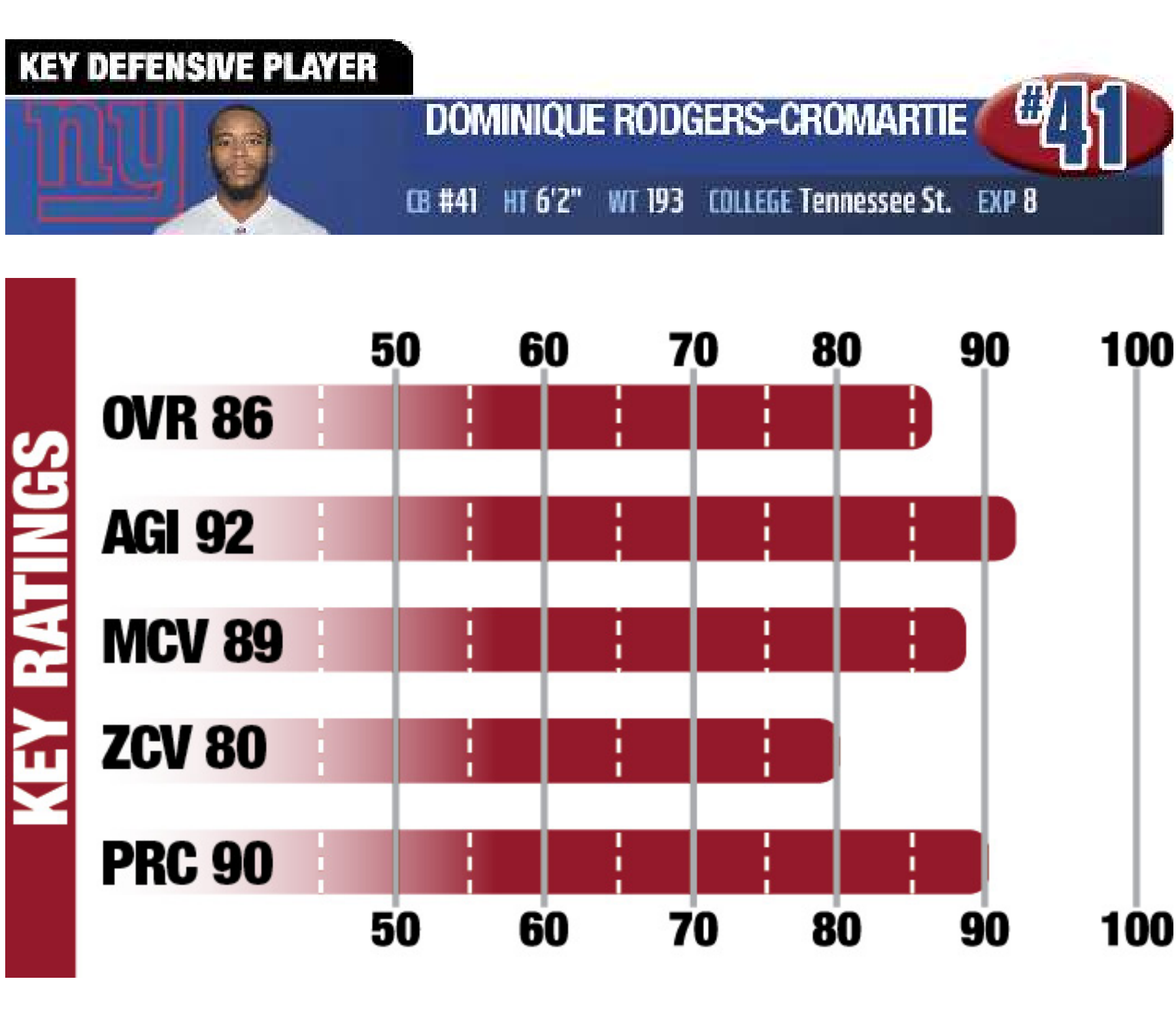
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER



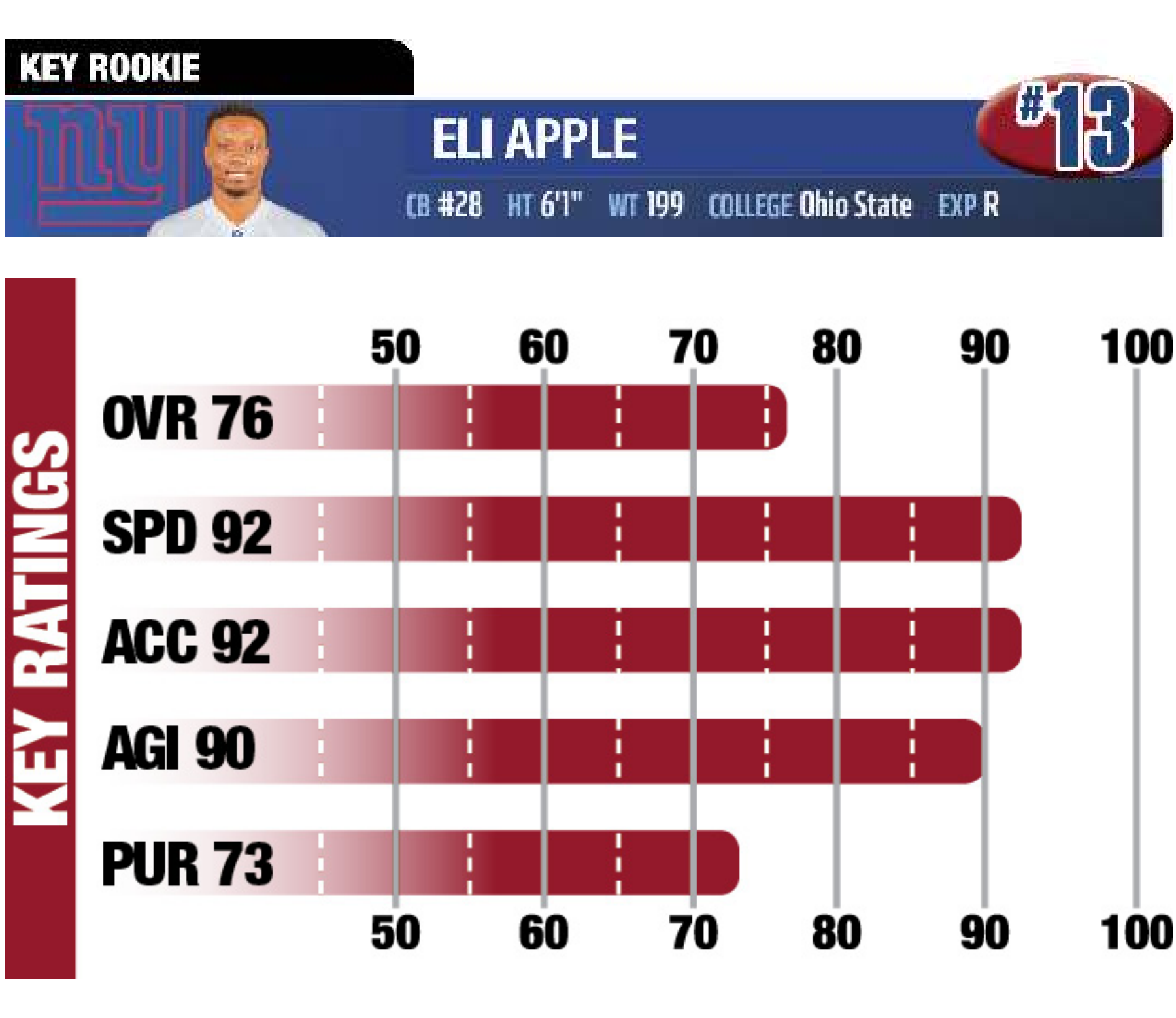
- Despite his size, Beckham is the best in the NFL at going up and making spectacular catches.
- Don't forget to get him the ball on short routes across the middle so he can pick up yards after the catch.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER



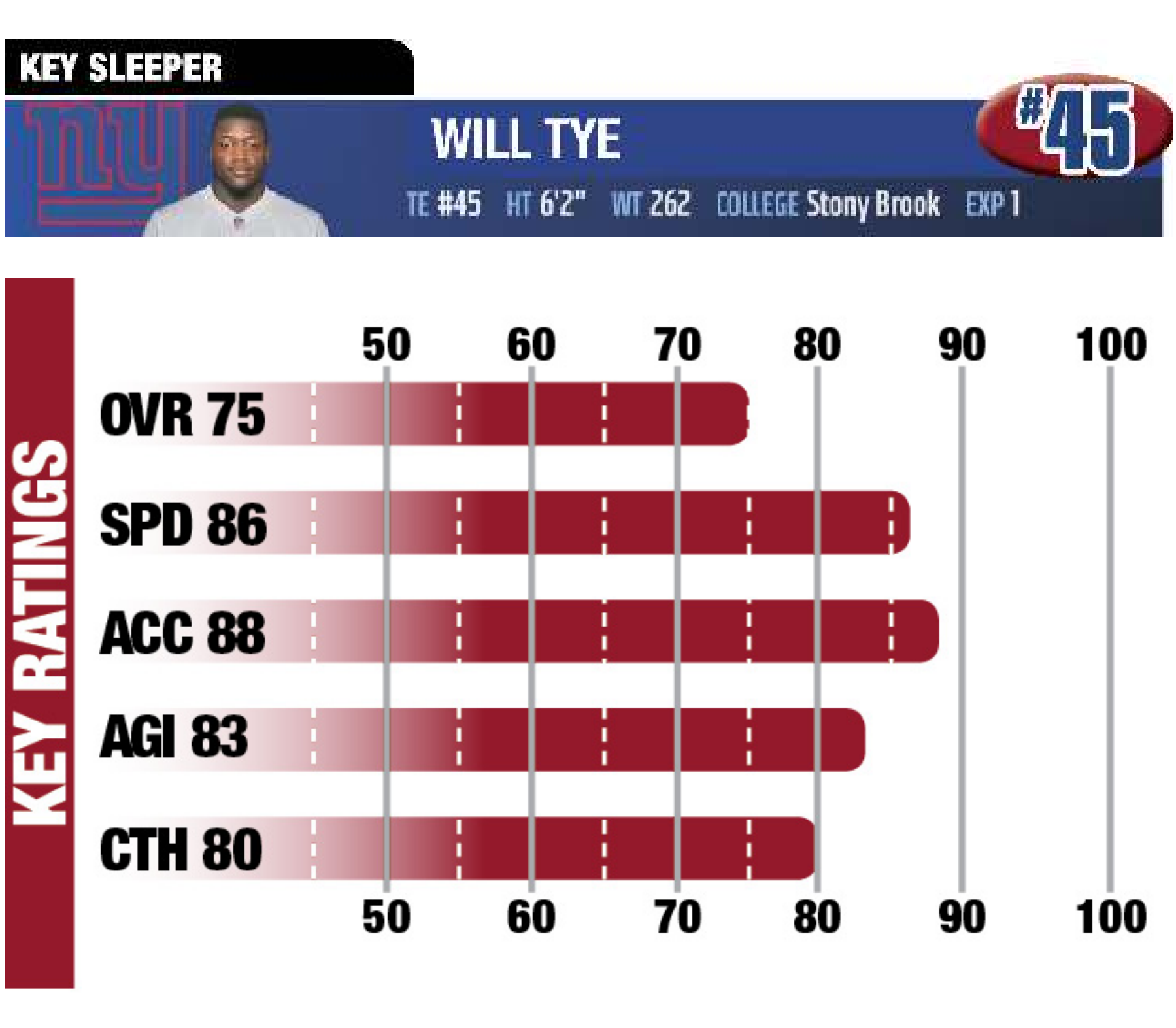
- DRC is one of our favorite players in the game with his blend of size and speed.
- Get the most value out of him by not calling press.

KEY ROOKIE



- Apple is quick and young, which makes his base talent great but improvable.
- Apple excels in both man and zone coverage, making him a good scheme fit.

KEY SLEEPER



- Will Tye has some great features and can play over the top very well. Use his Catching rating to gain yardage with the short pass.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Eli	Manning	81
QB	Ryan	Nassib	62
QB	B.J.	Daniels	57
HB	Shane	Vereen	81
HB	Rashad	Jennings	80
HB	Orleans	Darkwa	73
HB	Bobby	Rainey Jr.	73
HB	Paul	Perkins	72
HB	Andre	Williams	72
HB	Marshaun	Coprich	63
FB	Will	Johnson	82
FB	Nikita	Whitlock	76
WR	Odell	Beckham Jr.	93
WR	Victor	Cruz	81
WR	Sterling	Shepard	74
WR	Dwayne	Harris	73
WR	Geremy	Davis	64
WR	Myles	White	63
WR	Roger	Lewis	62
WR	Tavarres	King	61
WR	K.J.	Maye	61
TE	Larry	Donnell	76
TE	Will	Tye	72
TE	Jerell	Adams	66
TE	Matt	LaCosse	65
TE	Zak	DeOssie	63
TE	Ryan	Malleck	63
LT	Ereck	Flowers	76
LT	Jake	Rodgers	66
LG	Justin	Pugh	84
LG	Ryan	Seymour	68
LG	Dillon	Farrell	65
C	Weston	Richburg	88
C	Shane	McDermott	62
RG	John	Jerry	73
RG	Adam	Gettis	66
RT	Byron	Stingily	73
RT	Marshall	Newhouse	69
RT	Bobby	Hart	67
RT	Emmett	Cleary	66

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Jason	Pierre-Paul	85
LE	Stansly	Maponga	65
LE	Kerry	Wynn	65
DT	Damon	Harrison	84
DT	Johnathan	Hankins	81
DT	Jay	Bromley	67
DT	Montori	Hughes	65
DT	Louis	Nix III	64
DT	Greg	Milhouse	62
RE	Olivier	Vernon	91
RE	Owa	Odighizuwa	65
LOLB	Devon	Kennard	78
LOLB	Mark	Herzlich	68
LOLB	Romeo	Okwara	58
MLB	Keenan	Robinson	75
MLB	Jasper	Brinkley	73
MLB	Kelvin	Sheppard	68
MLB	B.J.	Goodson	66
ROLB	J.T.	Thomas III	76
ROLB	Jonathan	Casillas	71
CB	Dominique	Rodgers-Cromartie	86
CB	Janoris	Jenkins	85
CB	Eli	Apple	76
CB	Trevin	Wade	72
CB	Leon	McFadden	71
CB	Tramain	Jacobs	62
FS	Landon	Collins	75
FS	Darian	Thompson	69
FS	Bennett	Jackson	68
FS	Mykkele	Thompson	66
SS	Cooper	Taylor	69
SS	Nat	Berhe	66

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Josh	Brown	83
P	Brad	Wing	76

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK DEUCE CLOSE – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I-Form Pro – HB Stretch	I-Form Tight – HB Stretch	Strong I Normal – Power O	I-Form Tight – FB Dive Strong	I-Form Pro – HB Toss	Gun Normal Flex Wk – 5 6 Trap
Gun Normal Flex Wing – HB Dive	Gun Spread – Inside Zone	Strong I Twins – HB Dive	I-Form Tight – HB Blast	Gun Normal Flex Wing Wk – Power O	Gun Stack Offset Wk – Outside Zone
Gun Normal Flex Wing Wk – Inside Zone Split	Strong I Normal – HB Stretch	Strong I Twins – HB Stretch	I-Form Tight – FB Dive Strong	Gun Spread – HB Base	Gun Stack Offset Wk – HB Draw

BEST PASS: GUN TRIO OFFSET - VERTICALS

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Normal Flex Wing Wk – PA Slide	I-Form Twins – Fork	Gun Normal Flex Wing Wk – Slants	Gun Eagle H Tight – WR Corners	Gun Trey Open – Corner Strike	Gun Normal Flex Wing – PA Seams Shot
Gun Trio Offset – Inside Zone	Gun Normal Flex Wing – PA Dig	Gun Stack Offset Wk – Fake Screen Go	Gun Trey Open – PA WR In	Gun Normal Flex Wing Wk – Fork Y Seam	Gun Wing Offset Wk – PA Shot Go's
Gun Trips Y-Flex – WR Fork	Gun Trio Offset - Verticals	Gun Trio Offset - Stick	Gun Stack Offset Wk – PA Screen Y Pop	Gun Stack Offset Wk – Curl Switch	Gun Y-Trips HB Wk – PA Shot Go's

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 5-2 NORMAL – FIRE ZONE 2

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	5-2 Normal – Pinch	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Sky	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	5-2 Normal – Cover 2	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky Press

BEST PASS D: DOLLAR 3-2-6 – COVER 4 QB CONTAIN

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Mike Will Blitz	5-2 Normal – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	4-3 Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 2 Man LB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Man	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky	5-2 Normal – Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	4-3 Wide 9 – Tampa 2	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 3 Sky Press

Teams

Jacksonville Jaguars

GAMEPLAY RATING 81

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 80
Offense: 83
Defense: 81
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Strengths: WR, LT, LE
Weaknesses: FB, RT, MLB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

3rd AFC South (5-11-0)
Passing Offense: 10th
Rushing Offense: 17th
Passing Defense: 19th
Rushing Defense: 15th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Blake Bortles: 4,428
Rushing: T.J. Yeldon: 740
Receiving: Allen Robinson: 1,400
Tackles: Paul Posluszny: 133
Sacks: Jared Odrick: 5.5
INTS: Davon House: 4

KEY ADDITIONS

LE Malik Jackson
FS Tashaun Gipson
HB Chris Ivory

KEY ROOKIES

CB Jalen Ramsey
RE Yannick Ngakoue
DT Sheldon Day

COACH

Gus Bradley
Level: 3
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Blake Bortles has done well in his first couple seasons with the franchise. Continue to improve his completion percentage with easy throws to help cut down on turnovers.
- HB T.J. Yeldon had an excellent season last year and is most deserving of the carries in the backfield. While you have some nice backups with unique styles, work on turning him into a franchise back. The offensive line is coming along nicely and should help.
- The receiving corps is still very young, but now with a season under most of their belts they have a little bit of experience in the league. Think young and figure out which players really fit with your scheme. Cecil Shorts has moved on, and a new leader will need to step up.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Jags' defensive line has finesse off the edge and power in the middle. Make sure to note who can stop the run; otherwise, you may never get into a long-yardage situation where you can tee off on the opposing passer.
- LB Paul Posluszny is the anchor in the middle of the defense, but Telvin Smith proved last season he has what it takes to become a starter. Continue to develop him and look for a veteran at LOLB until the draft.
- The Jaguars have the initial pieces for a solid man coverage secondary. This will all be made easier if the pass rush can get to the QB.

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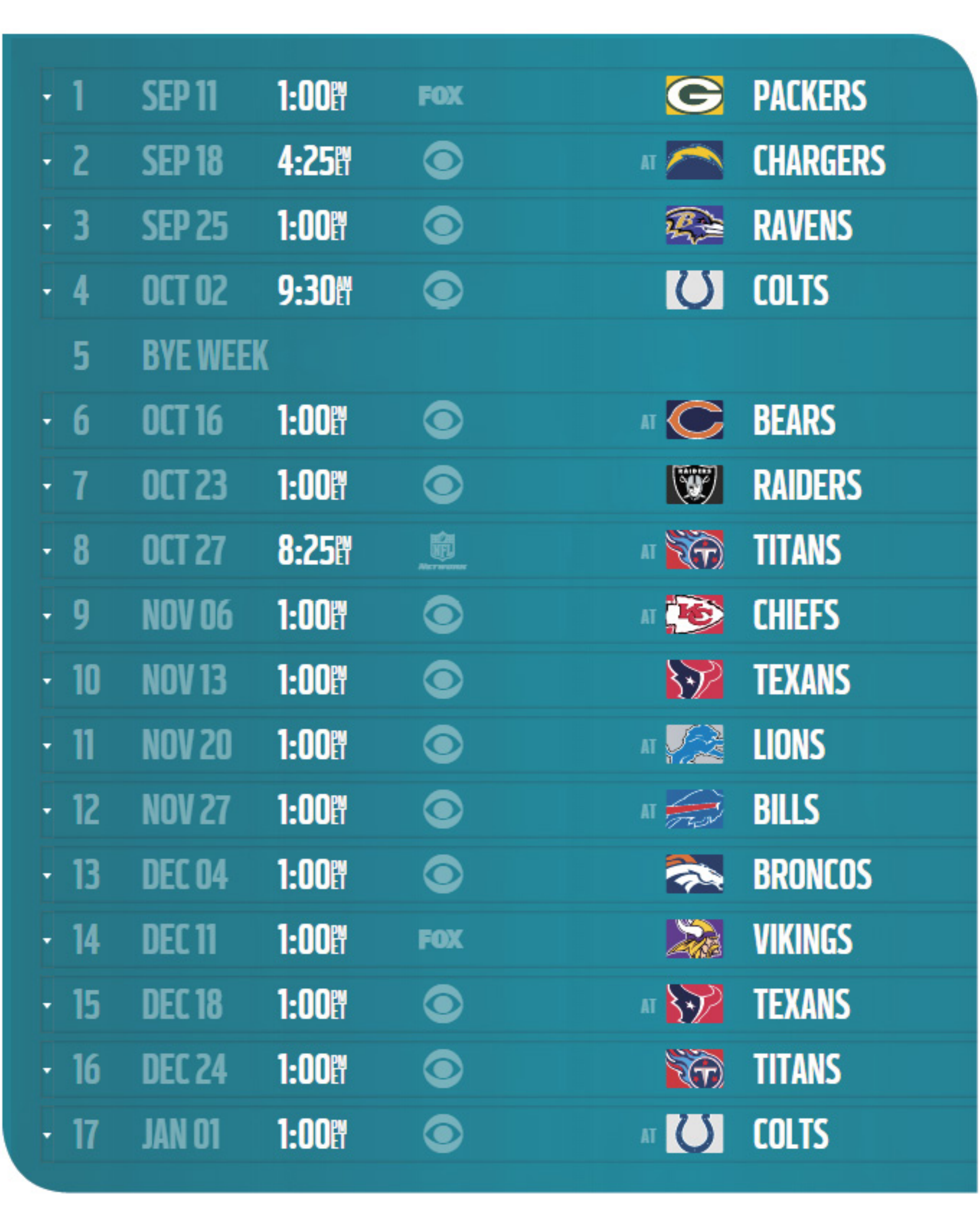

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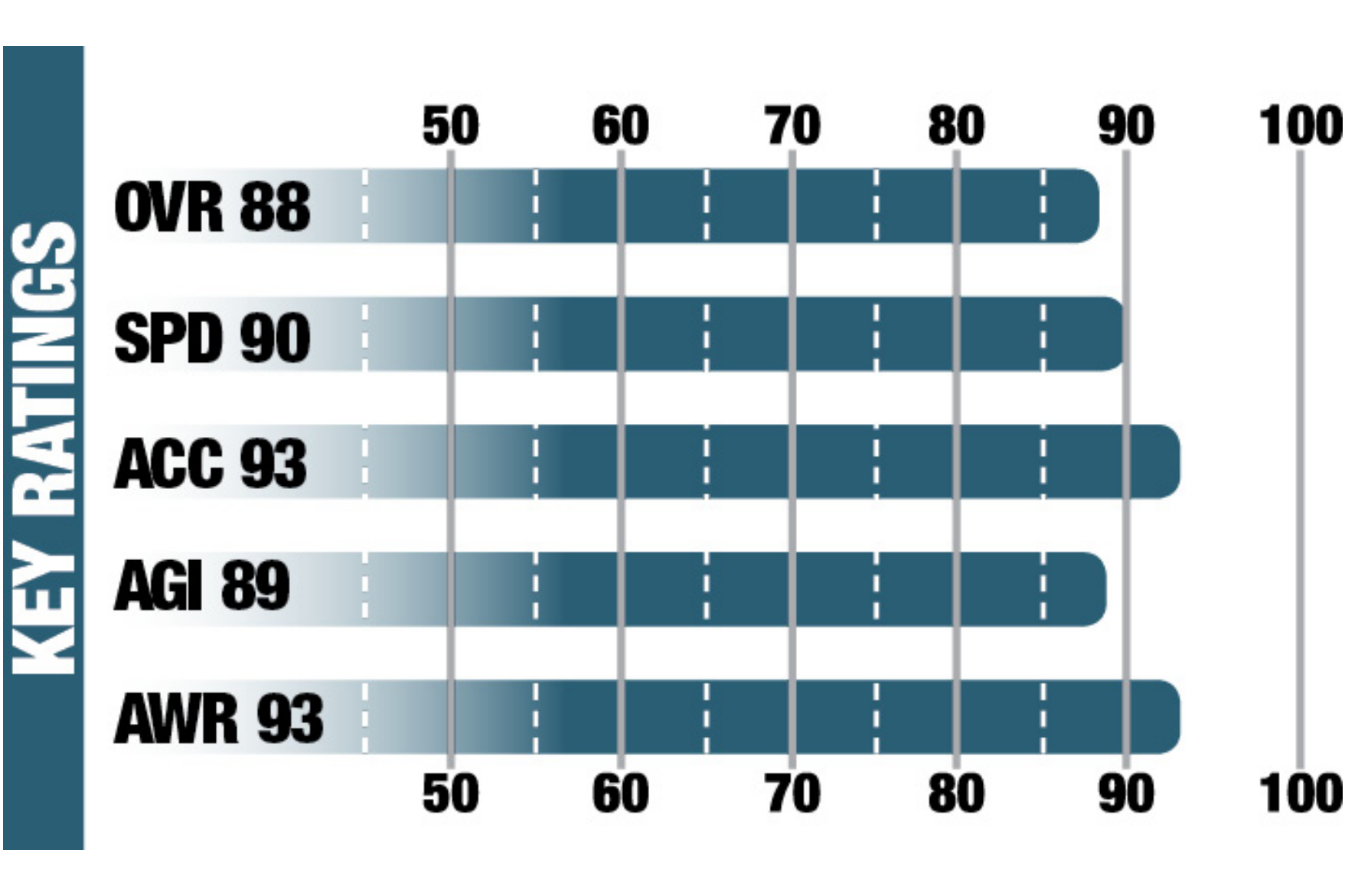
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

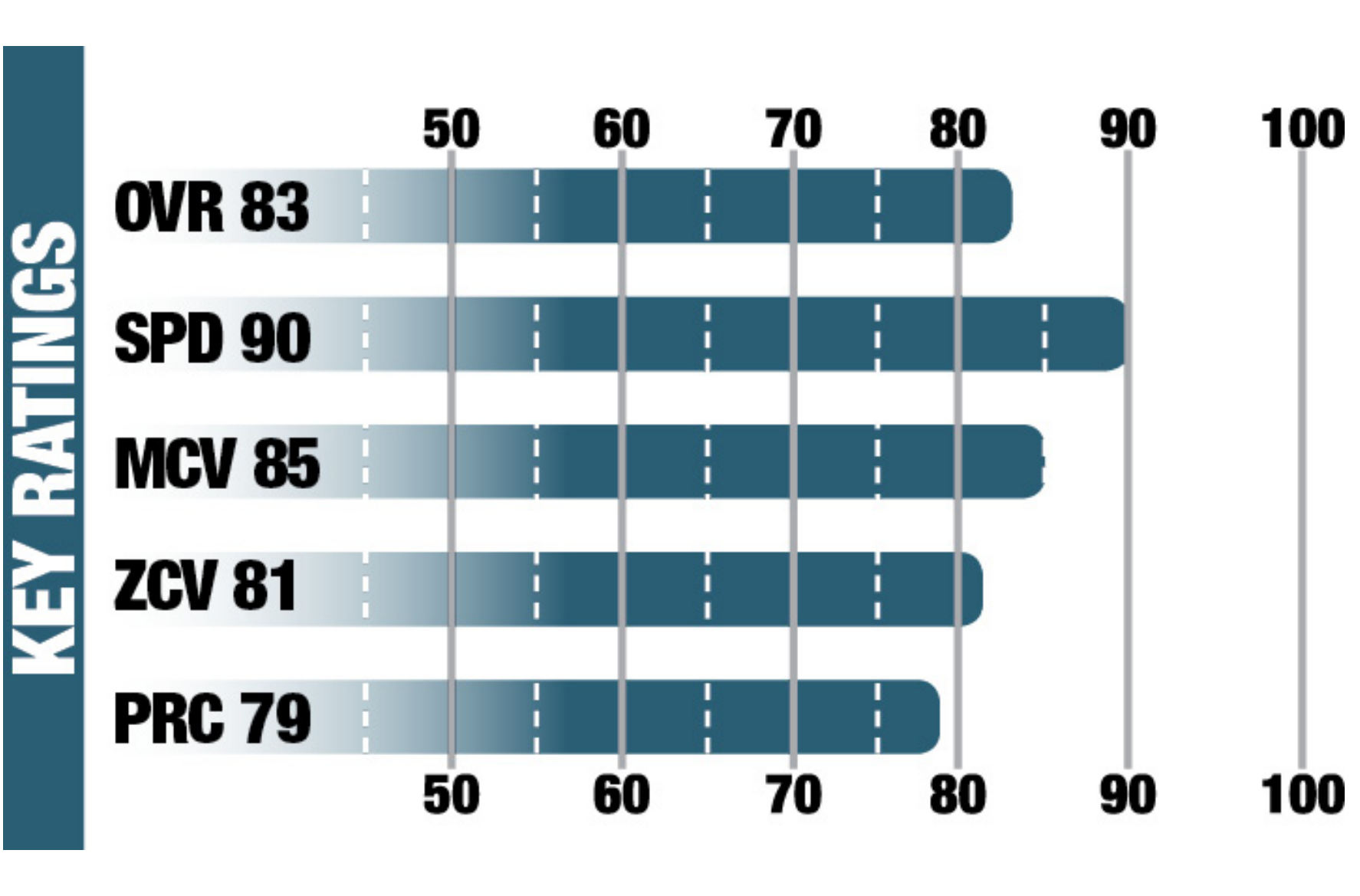
ALLEN ROBINSON
#15
WR #15 HT 6'3" WT 215 COLLEGE Penn State EXP 2



- Robinson has the size to win in any CB matchup in the league, as well as an impressive Spectacular Catch rating.
- Find someone to play the other side of the field because Robinson has a huge target on his back at all times.

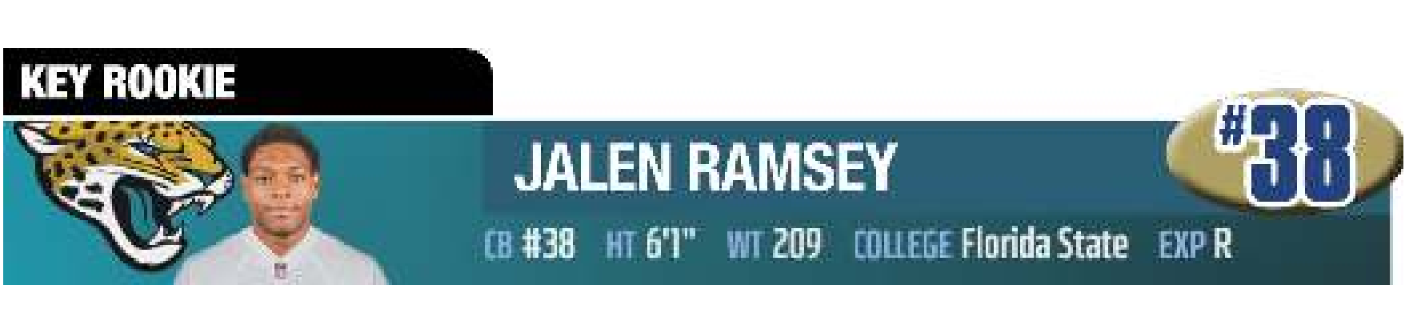
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

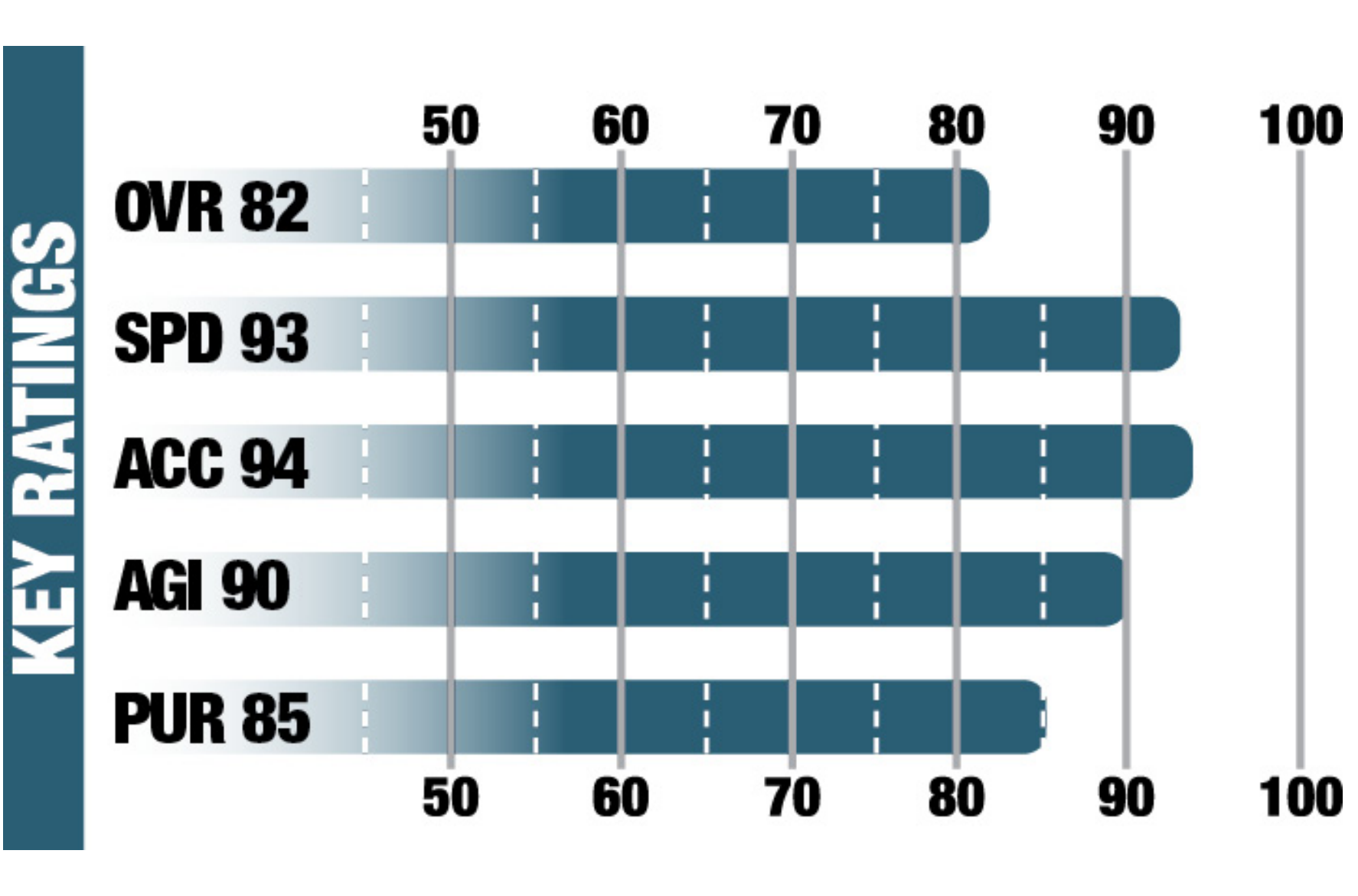
PRINCE AMUKAMARA
#21
CB #21 HT 6'0" WT 207 COLLEGE Nebraska EXP 5



- Amukamara is an all around great corner. Despite his size, Amukamara has a high enough PRC to beat most receivers to the ball.
- Being a part of an already strong corner corps, Amukamara is a superb team leader.

KEY ROOKIE

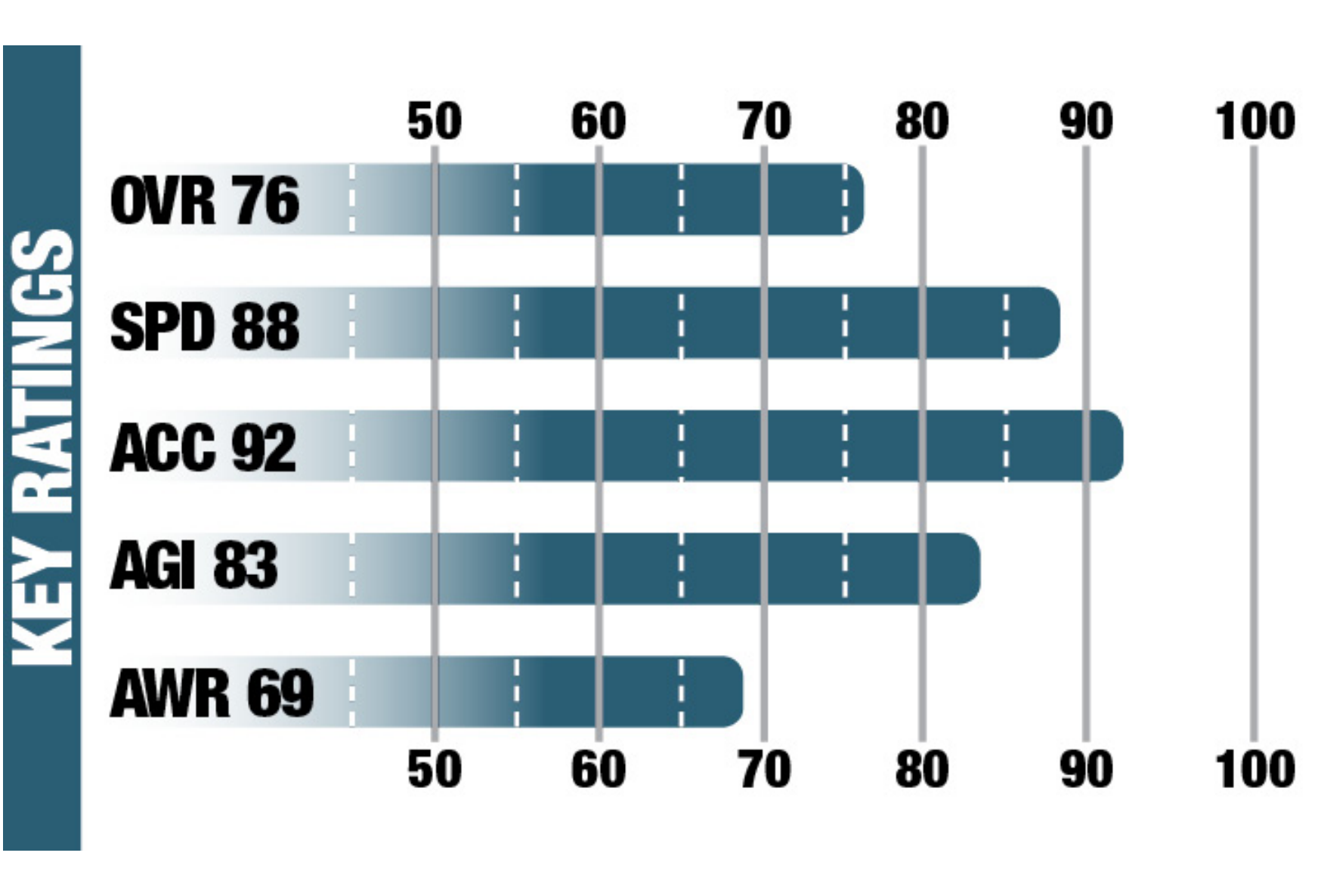

JALEN RAMSEY
#38
CB #38 HT 6'1" WT 209 COLLEGE Florida State EXP R



- Ramsey is young, raw talent who will only add to the corner corps. Focus on his PRC if you want him to become an all-around superstar.
- Ramsey has the size to be able to handle more matchups than your average WR. Use this to set your slots.

KEY SLEEPER

JONATHAN CYPRIEN
#37
SS #37 HT 6'0" WT 223 COLLEGE FIU EXP 3



- Use Cyprien in most formations. He has many skill sets, but work on his ability to pick up on the situation.
- Jonathan still has the speed and agility to cover any holes in the defense.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Blake	Bortles	82
QB	Chad	Henne	69
QB	Brandon	Allen	65
HB	Chris	Ivory	82
HB	T.J.	Yeldon	79
HB	Denard	Robinson	73
HB	Corey	Grant	59
WR	Allen	Robinson	88
WR	Allen	Hurns	84
WR	Marqise	Lee	71
WR	Rashad	Greene	70
WR	Bryan	Walters	70
WR	Justin	Blackmon	68
WR	Shaq	Evans	63
WR	Rashad	Lawrence	59
WR	Neal	Sterling	57
WR	Shane	Wynn	52
TE	Julius	Thomas	83
TE	Marcedes	Lewis	76
TE	Nic	Jacobs	71
TE	Ben	Koyack	64
TE	Carson	Tinker	53
LT	Kelvin	Beachum	80
LT	Luke	Joeckel	79
LG	Mackenzy	Bernadeau	74
LG	Jeff	Linkenbach	72
LG	Kadeem	Edwards	64
C	Luke	Bowanko	76
C	Tyler	Shatley	66
RG	Brandon	Linder	77
RG	Patrick	Omameh	74
RG	A.J.	Cann	69
RT	Jermey	Parnell	77
RT	Josh	Wells	71

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

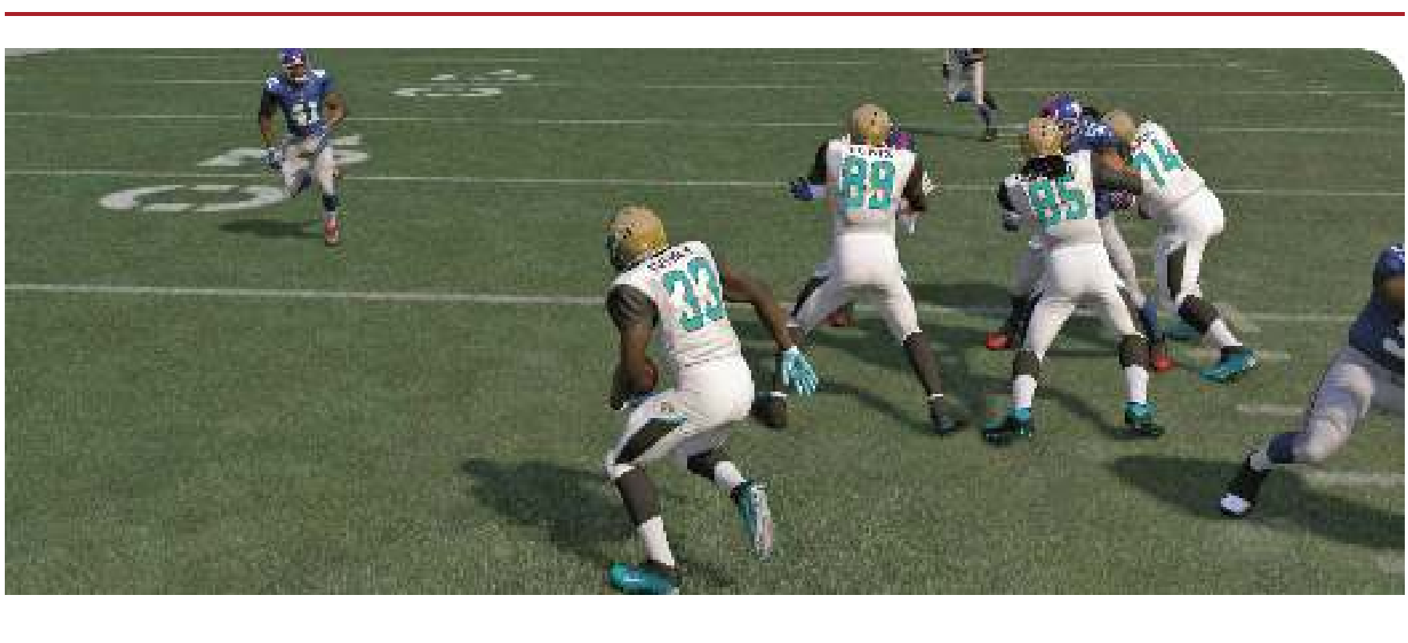
POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Malik	Jackson	86
LE	Bjoern	Werner	74
LE	Ryan	Davis	72
LE	Chris	Smith	67
LE	Jonathan	Woodard	63
DT	Sen'Derrick	Marks	79
DT	Roy	Miller III	78
DT	Tyson	Alualu	76
DT	Sheldon	Day	68
DT	Abry	Jones	68
DT	Michael	Bennett	66
RE	Jared	Odrick	78
RE	Dante	Fowler Jr.	77
RE	Yannick	Ngakoue	69
LOLB	Telvin	Smith	80
LOLB	Tyrone	Holmes	66
LOLB	Jordan	Tripp	65
MLB	Paul	Posluszny	78
MLB	Joplo	Bartu	73
MLB	Thurston	Armbrister	57
ROLB	Dan	Skuta	79
ROLB	Myles	Jack	76
ROLB	Sean	Porter	71
ROLB	Hayes	Pullard III	67
CB	Prince	Amukamara	83
CB	Jalen	Ramsey	82
CB	Aaron	Colvin	78
CB	Davon	House	76
CB	Dwayne	Gratz	74
CB	Demetrius	McCray	73
CB	Nick	Marshall	62
FS	Tashaun	Gipson	77
FS	Earl	Wolff	68
FS	Peyton	Thompson	62
SS	Johnathan	Cyprien	76
SS	Josh	Evans	71
SS	James	Sample	69

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Jason	Myers	77
P	Brad	Nortman	81
P	Ryan	Quigley	80

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK ACE – HB STRETCH



RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Ace Pair Twins – Off Tackle	Singleback Jumbo Z – HB Smash	I Form Tight Pair – FB Dive	Goal Line – Power O	Pistol Ace – Strong Power	Gun Trey Open – Off Tackle
Pistol Ace – Power O	I Form Tight Pair – HB Stretch	I Form Tight – HB Blast	Gun Bunch Quads – QB Draw	Gun Trips TE – 45 Quick Base	Gun Doubles Wk – Inside Zone
Singleback Ace Twins – HB Slant 18	Pistol Weak – Power Option	Singleback Ace Twins – HB Pitch	Gun Split Jaguar – Read Option	Singleback Bunch – Quick Pitch	Singleback Doubles – HB Stretch

BEST PASS: SINGLEBACK ACE TWINS – JAGS TE DRAG

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Spread Y Flex – H Shallow Cross	Gun Spread Y Flex – Curl Flats	Gun Bunch Quads – Spacing	Gun Trips TE – PA Shot Wheel	Gun Bunch Quads – Spot	Gun Spread Y Flex – Four Verticals
Singleback Bunch – Y Trail	Gun Trey Open – Jags Stick HB Circle	I Form Pro – PA Scissors	Singleback Doubles – PA Draw Shot	Gun Spread Y Flex – Circle	Gun Bunch Quads – Inside Post
Singleback Ace Twins – Jags Verts	Singleback Ace Twins – PA FL Stretch	Gun Bunch Wk – Mesh	Pistol Weak – PA Cross Shot	Gun Bunch Wk – PA Post	Gun Doubles Wk – Corner Strike

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 43 NORMAL – SAFETY BLITZ 3

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
43 Normal – Safety Blitz 3	43 Under – Edge Sting	43 Over – Sam Will Blitz	43 Wide Nine – Fire Man	Nickel Double A Gap – Mid Blitz	Dime Normal – DB Blitz
43 Normal – Safety Blitz	43 Under – Mike Sam Crash Press	43 Over Plus – Cover 4	46 Normal – Zone Blitz	Nickel Normal – Over Storm Brave	43 Wide Nine – Cover 4 Press

BEST PASS D: 43 NORMAL – COVER 6

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
43 Normal – Cover 6	43 Under – FS Fire 3 Press	Nickel Normal – Overload 3 Seam	46 Normal – Cover 3 Match	Nickel Four D Ends – Overload 3 Seam 2	Dime Normal – 3 Double Sky
43 Normal – Cover 2 Carry	Nickel Normal – Buck Slant Show 2	43 Under – Cover 3 Hard Flat	46 Normal – Cover 1 Hole	Dime Normal – Cover 3 Buzz Match	Dime Normal – Cover 2 Man

New York Jets

GAMEPLAY RATING 81

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 79
Offense: 79
Defense: 83
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 3-4
Strengths: WR, HB, LE
Weaknesses: FB, QB, ROLB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

2nd AFC East (10-6-0)
Passing Offense: 13th
Rushing Offense: 10th
Passing Defense: 13th
Rushing Defense: 2nd

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Ryan Fitzpatrick: 3,905
Rushing: Chris Ivory: 1,070
Receiving: Brandon Marshall: 1,502
Tackles: David Harris: 108
Sacks: Muhammad Wilkerson: 12
INTS: Marcus Williams: 6

KEY ADDITIONS

HB Matt Forte
LT Ryan Clady
SS Calvin Pryor III

KEY ROOKIES

MLB Darron Lee
P Lachlan Edwards
LOLB Jordan Jenkins

COACH

Todd Bowles
Level: 5
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 3-4

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Jets are still going with QB Geno Smith, so work on upgrading his accuracy. He's a strong passer, but hitting his target isn't necessarily a strength.
- The Jets have built up a stable of power HBs. Keep an eye out to see who has the hot hand and stick with him. In the passing game, the best option is Bilal Powell unless you can trade or find someone in free agency.
- The WR position has really filled out nicely and should give the QB some confidence when throwing to the outside. Keep developing your young TE Jace Amaro as he has the size and speed to become a dominant TE in this league.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Jets' defensive line doesn't have to bring up extra defenders in the box to stop the run. This allows you to focus on your LBs and get them into a good position to make plays.
- The Jets' LBs could be pretty solid in a 4-3 style defense. Keep this in mind after year one with all the depth available and consider going with a hybrid scheme. If you don't have the guts to blitz heavily, just send your front four after the passer.
- The Jets are back to having a dominant secondary. Utilize their speed and man coverage ability to send aggressive blitzes that will get your defense off the field on third down.

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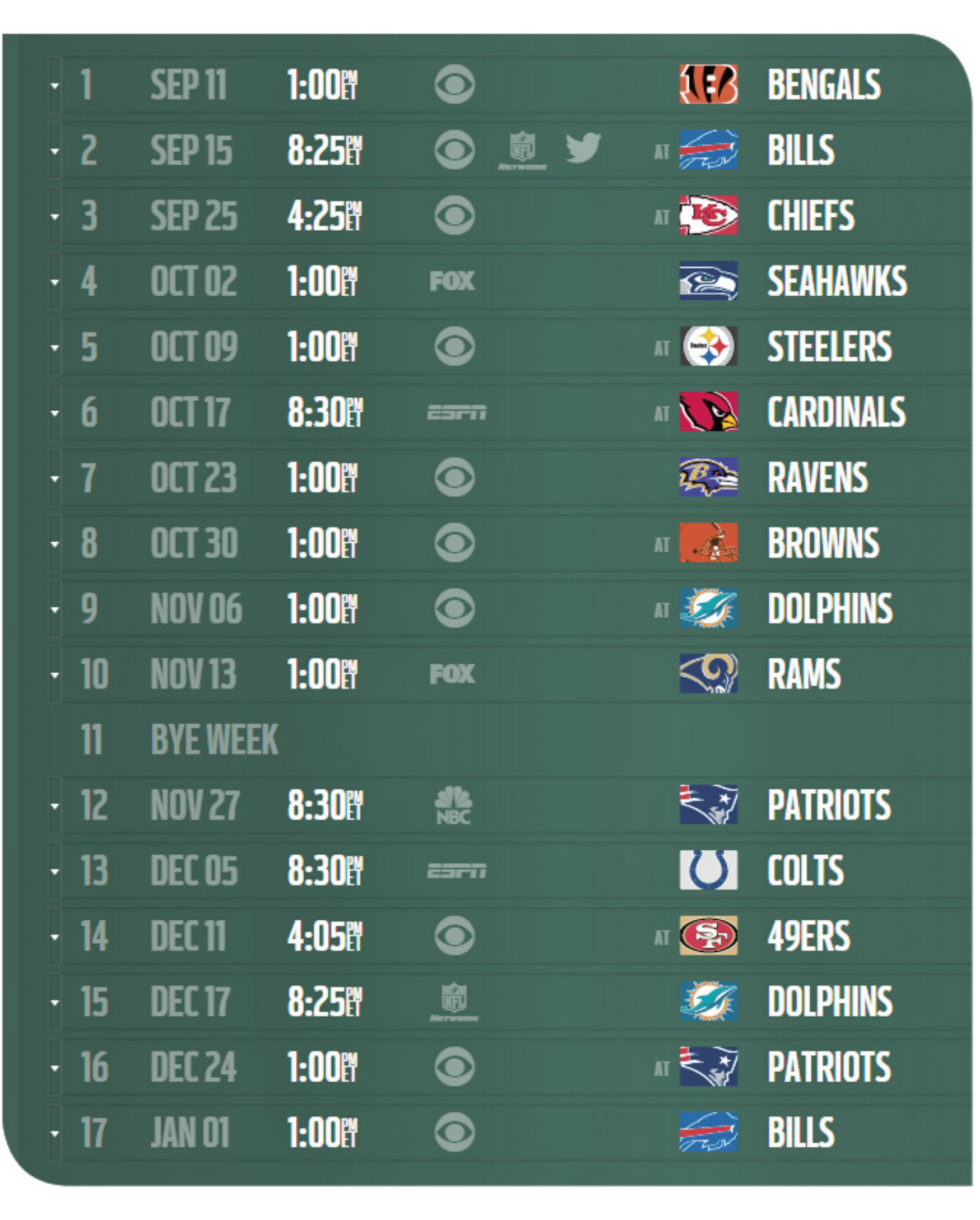

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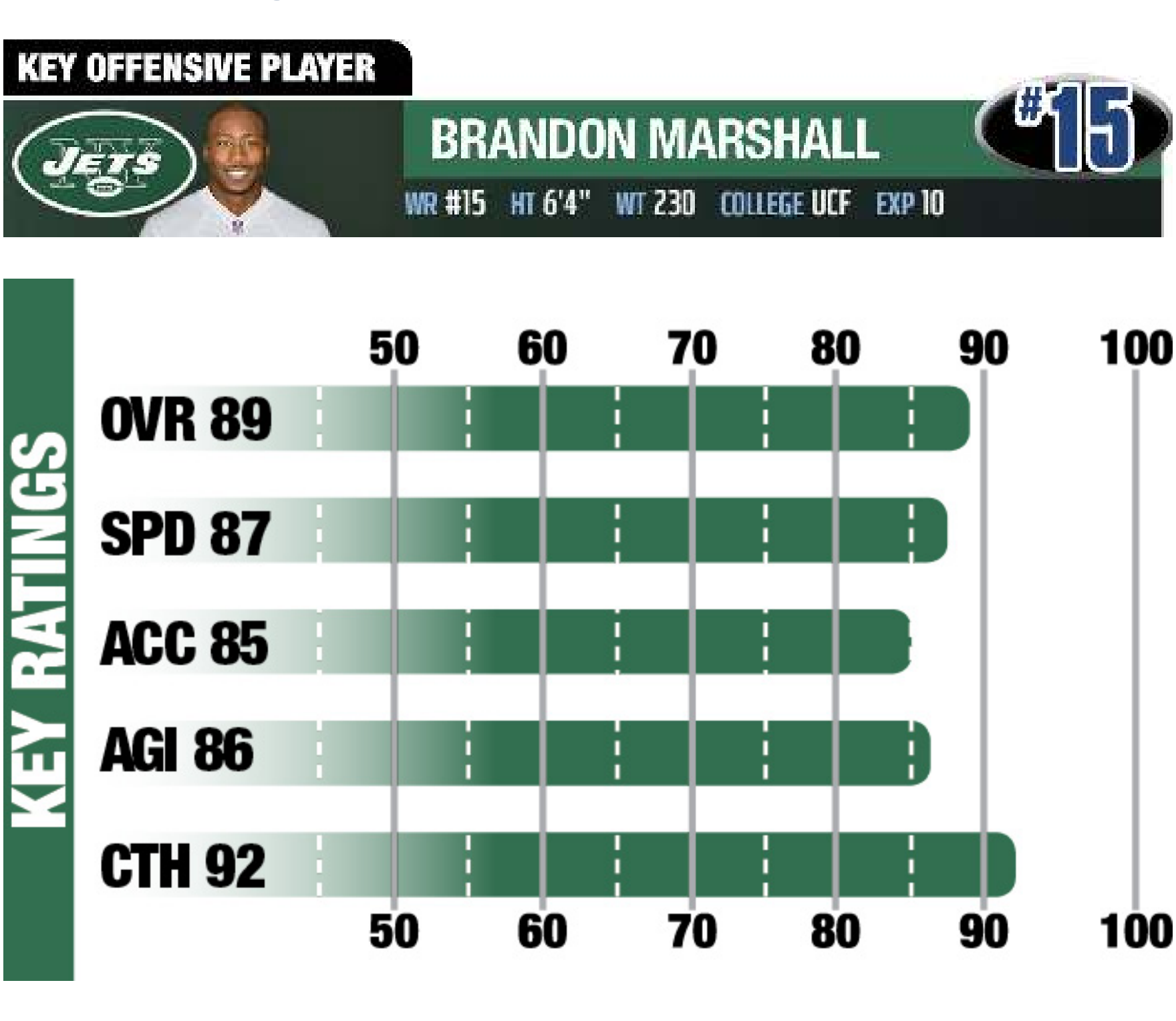
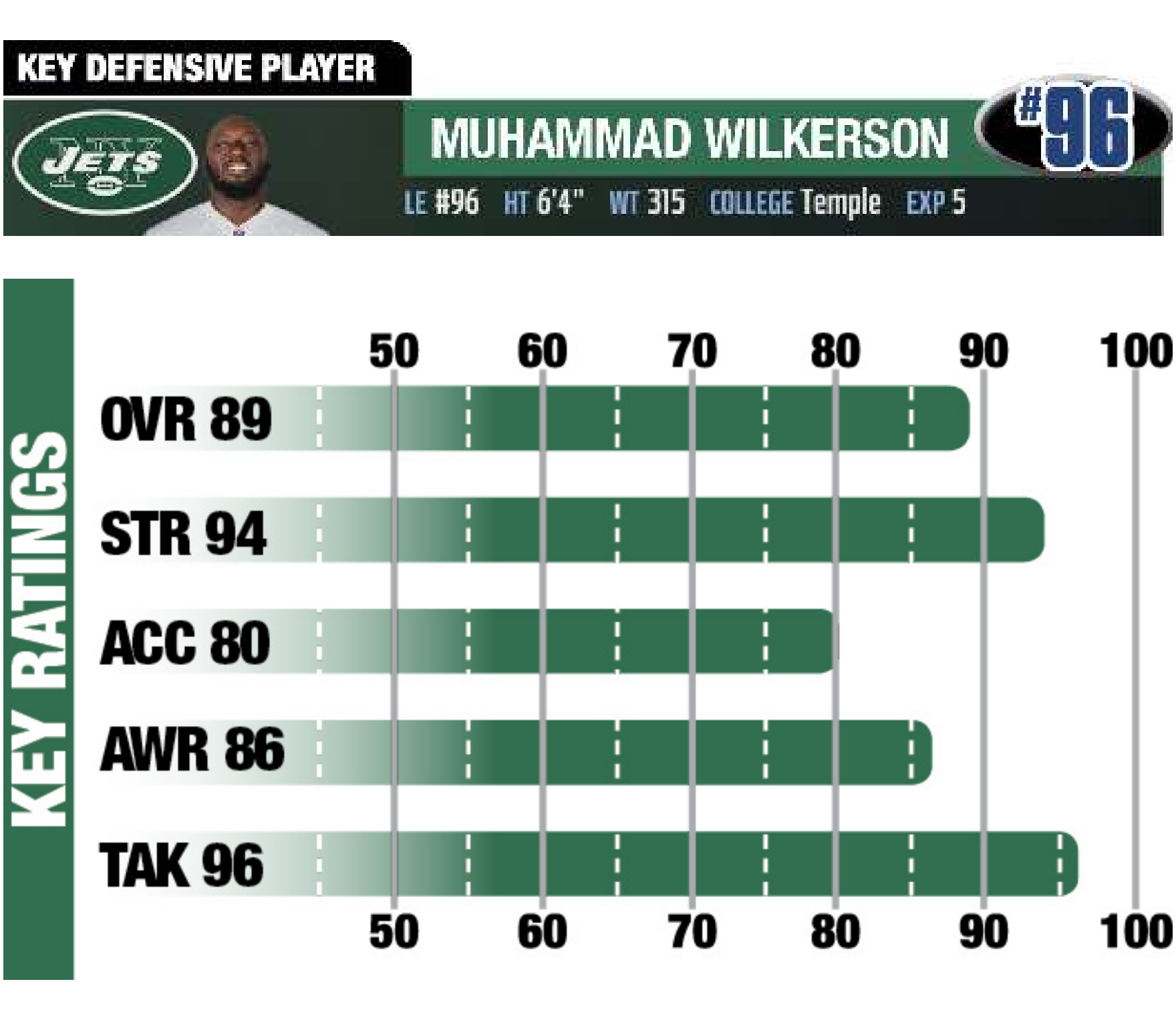
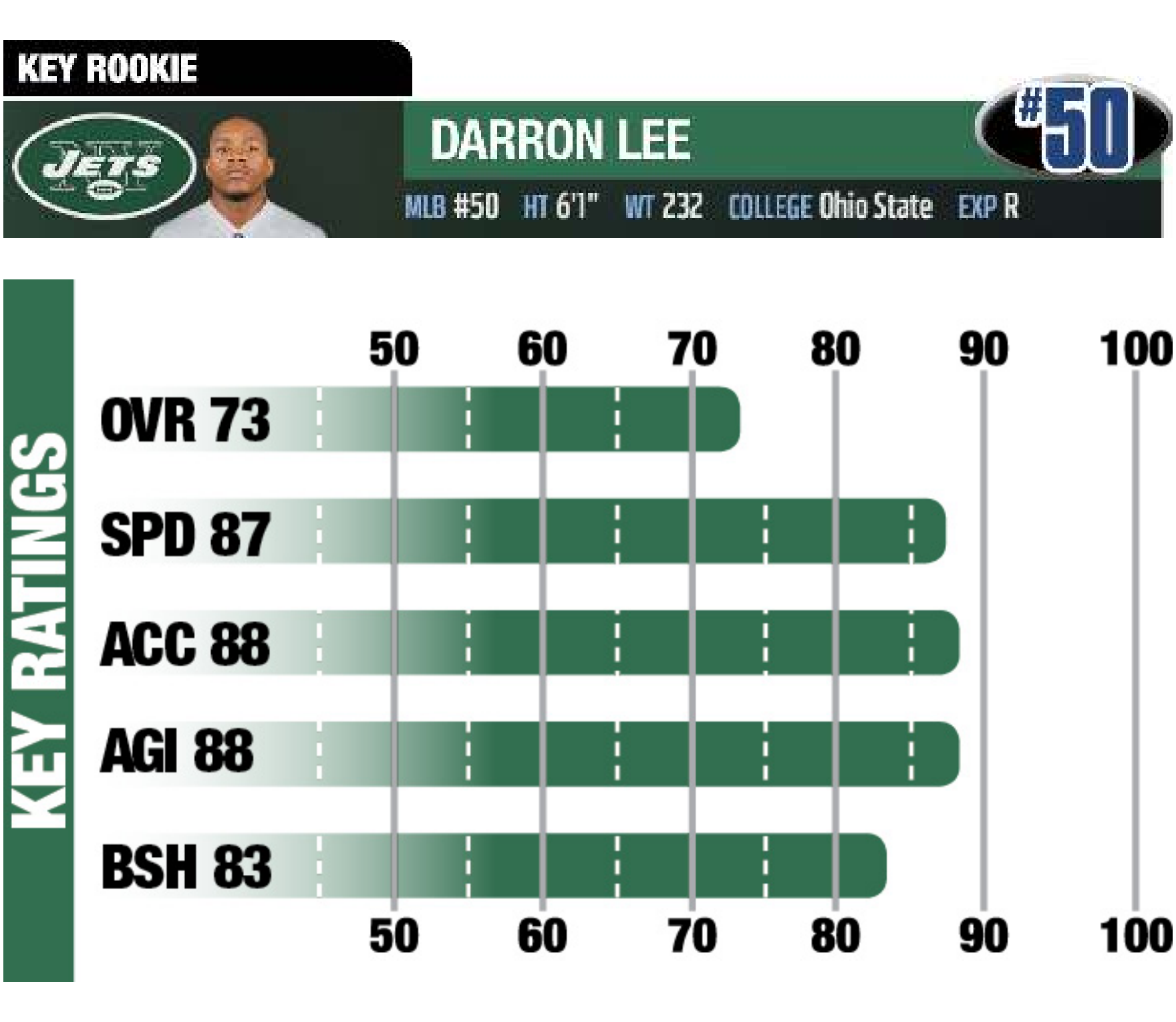
KEY PLAYERS



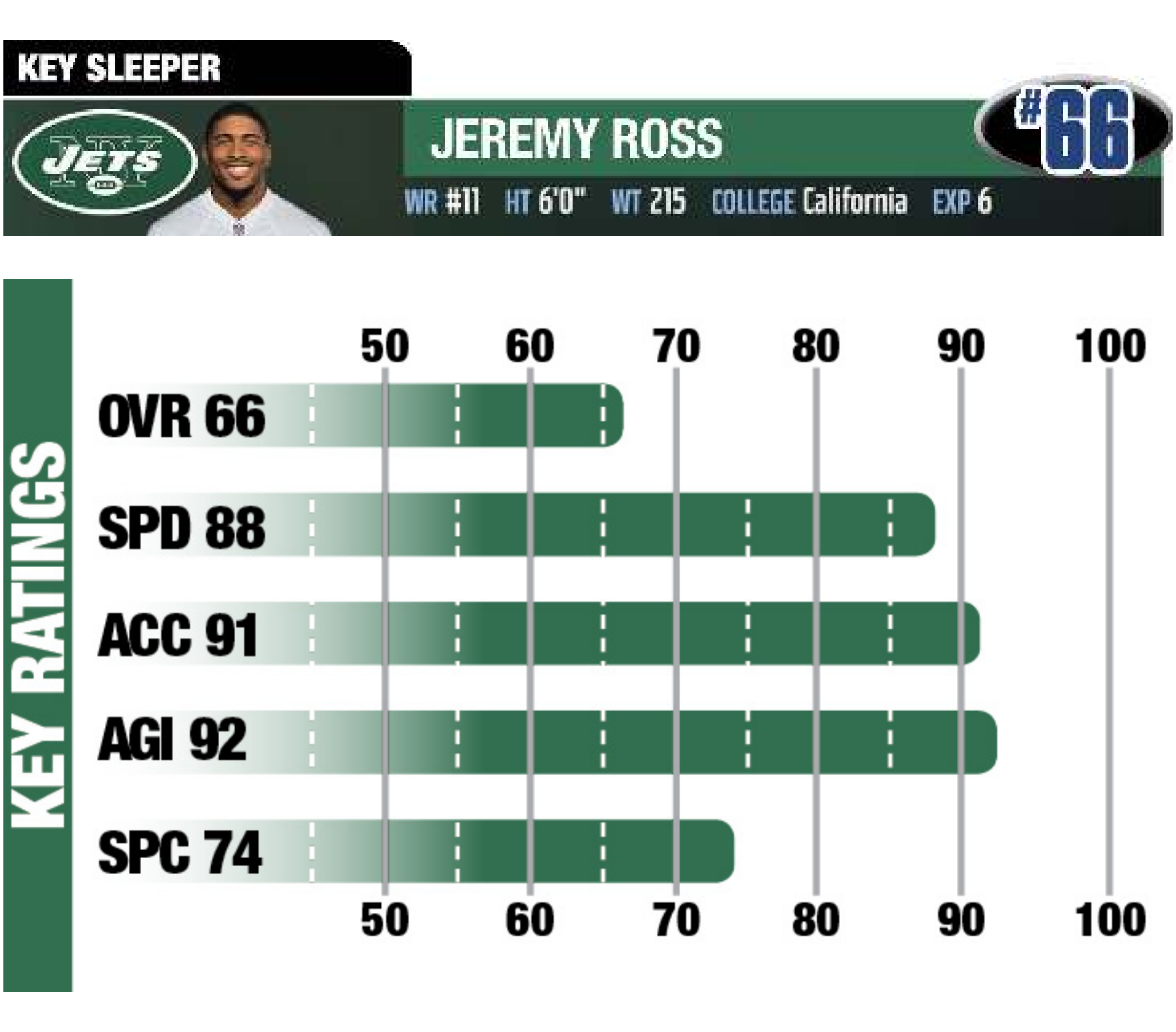
- Marshall no longer has the speed to burn anyone downfield, but he is still reliable in the red zone.
- There won't be a CB in the league who can consistently win a battle at the line of scrimmage with Marshall, so use that to your advantage.



- Wilkerson is an amazing talent who should be the face of your franchise for the long term.
- Having Wilkerson in the lineup allows you to worry less about the run and focus on setting up to stop the pass.



- Lee has a great Block Shed rating, allowing him to play zone defense to easily stop the outside run.
- Use Lee to fill any gaps you see in the defense if you read the offense. He can get to the ball quickly and his finesse move should give you a bit of an advantage.



- Don't let his Overall rating fool you, Ross is a solid player that who deserves more playing time than you think. Consider moving him up in your roster.
- If anything, use Ross as a decoy; he's fast and will get open, but unless you're in the red zone, he may not catch the ball as much as you'd like.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Geno	Smith	73
QB	Christian	Hackenberg	67
QB	Bryce	Petty	65
HB	Matt	Forte'	86
HB	Bilal	Powell	78
HB	Khiry	Robinson	73
HB	Zac	Stacy	73
FB	Tommy	Bohanon	68
WR	Brandon	Marshall	89
WR	Eric	Decker	87
WR	Devin	Smith	68
WR	Kenbrell	Thompkins	67
WR	Jeremy	Ross	66
WR	Titus	Davis	65
WR	Charone	Peake	65
WR	Robby	Anderson	63
WR	Quincy	Enunwa	63
WR	Jalin	Marshall	63
WR	Chandler	Worthy	60
TE	Jace	Amaro	74
TE	Zach	Sudfeld	70
TE	Brandon	Bostick	69
TE	Kellen	Davis	69
TE	Wes	Saxton	62
TE	Tanner	Purdum	54
LT	Ryan	Clady	84
LT	Ben	Ijalana	70
LG	James	Carpenter	79
LG	Craig	Watts	64
C	Nick	Mangold	81
C	Wesley	Johnson	70
C	Kyle	Friend	62
RG	Brian	Winters	70
RG	Dakota	Dozier	67
RG	Jarvis	Harrison	67
RT	Breno	Giacomini	67
RT	Brandon	Shell	66
RT	Brent	Qvale	63

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Muhammad	Wilkerson	89
LE	Jarvis	Jenkins	66
LE	Mike	Catapano	65
DT	Steve	McLendon	78
DT	Tarow	Barney	62
DT	Deon	Simon	58
RE	Sheldon	Richardson	86
RE	Leonard	Williams	81
RE	Shelby	Harris	66
RE	Helva	Matungulu	58
LOLB	Jordan	Jenkins	69
LOLB	Trevor	Reilly	66
MLB	David	Harris	81
MLB	Erin	Henderson	75
MLB	Bruce	Carter	73
MLB	Darron	Lee	73
MLB	Taiwan	Jones	64
ROLB	Lorenzo	Mauldin IV	70
ROLB	Julian	Stanford	69
ROLB	Josh	Martin	67
CB	Darrelle	Revis	91
CB	Buster	Skrine	75
CB	Marcus	Williams	74
CB	Dee	Milliner	71
CB	Darryl	Morris	71
CB	Juston	Burris	68
CB	Dexter	McDougle	68
CB	Kendall	James	67
FS	Marcus	Gilchrist	82
FS	Rontez	Miles	73
FS	Ronald	Martin	64
SS	Calvin	Pryor III	83
SS	Dion	Bailey	73

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Nick	Folk	79
P	Lachlan	Edwards	72
P	Tom	Hackett	71

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK JUMBO – HB OFF TACKLE

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Jumbo – Off Tackle	Singleback Jumbo – HB Dive	Gun Y Trips Offset – HB Dive	Pistol Strong Slot – FB Belly	Singleback Bunch Ace – Quick Pitch	Gun Snugs – HB Quick Base
Singleback Bunch Ace – Inside Zone	Gun Split Jet – Power O	Singleback Ace – Inside Zone	Strong Pro – Power O	Strong Pro – Counter Weak	Gun Bunch Quads – QB Draw
Strong Pro – HB Stretch	Pistol Strong Slot – Inside Zone Split	Singleback Ace – HB Stretch	I Form Tight – Iso	Gun Trey Open – Inside Zone	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – Outside Zone

BEST PASS: SINGLEBACK JUMBO – WR POST

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Jumbo – WR Post	Singleback Jumbo – Mesh	Pistol Strong Slot – PA Slide	Singleback Wing Trips – PA Verticals	Gun Bunch Quads – Inside Post	Gun Bunch Quads – Spot
Singleback Tight Slots – Deep Post	Singleback Wing Trips – HB Slip Screen	I Form Pro Twins – Post Wheel	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – PA Cross Shot	Gun Snugs – Jets Drag	Gun Snugs – Jets Slot Post
Gun Split Jet – WR Corners	Pistol Strong Slot – Shakes	Singleback Tight Slots – Drag Cross Ups	Gun Empty Jet – FL Deep In	Gun Trey Open – Post Hitch Post	Gun Snugs – PA Cross

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 34 ODD – PINCH MIKE - 0

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Pinch Mike 0	34 Odd – Cover 4 Mike	34 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	44 Split – LB Fire	Nickel 245 – Over Strom Brave	Nickel 335 Wide – Cover 1 Contain
34 Odd – Cross 3 Fire	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	44 Split – FS Blitz	44 Split – Cover 2 Invert	Nickel 245 – Overload Blitz	Nickel 335 Wide – 3 Sam Will Blitz

BEST PASS D: NICKEL 2-4-5 EVEN – COVER 3 MATCH

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Nickel 245 Even – Cover 3 Match	Nickel 245 Even – Cover 9 Show 2	Nickel 335 Wide – Cover 1 Robber	44 Split – Cover 3	Big Dime 236 – Cover 3 Hard Flat	Big Dime 236 – Prowl Slant 3 Seam
Nickel 245 Even – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel 245 Even – Cover 4	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Cover 3 Sky	44 Split – Cover 1	Big Dime 236 – Cover 2 Buster	Big Dime 146 – Cover 2 Man

Teams

Detroit Lions

GAMEPLAY RATING 81

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 82
Offense: 81
Defense: 85
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Strengths: QB, FB, ROLB
Weaknesses: C, MLB, SS

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

3rd NFC North (7-9-0)
Passing Offense: 9th
Rushing Offense: 32nd
Passing Defense: 14th
Rushing Defense: 19th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Matthew Stafford: 4,262
Rushing: Ameer Abdullah: 597
Receiving: Golden Tate: 813
Tackles: Stephen Tulloch 107
Sacks: Ezekiel Ansah: 14.5
INTS: Glover Quin: 4

KEY ADDITIONS

LOLB Tahir Whitehead
WR Marvin Jones
RG Geoff Schwartz

KEY ROOKIES

RT Taylor Decker
DT A'Shawn Robinson
C Graham Glasgow

COACH

Jim Caldwell
Level: 13
Offensive Scheme: Vertical Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Matt Stafford still has one of the biggest arms in the NFL, but he will need to be more consistent on short passes to lead the Lions to the promised land. There's no use in upgrading his Play Action rating since the Lions rarely run the ball.
- This is the time to ignore overall rank, especially when it comes to running backs. Coming off a much better season than expected, Ameer Abdullah should be your number 1 HB. He led the Lions in overall yards last season and he may well do the same again this year. Once Detroit strengthens their line, there will be more opportunities for the running game.
- There's a new WR corps in town and while continuing to focus on building the team, look to Golden Tate to lead the team. To really get the most from the Lions, keep developing their young talent at TE, which will hurt teams who focus solely on the outside receiving options.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The new defensive line is looking solid and will continue to get better this season. This creates more opportunity for Ezekiel Ansah, who is already one of the best young pass rushers in the league.
- ROLB DeAndre Levy is an excellent option beside MLB Stephen Tulloch, who is coming off an injury. These players may not be household names, but they perform very well on the field.
- The Lions' secondary deserves to be considered in the league's top 10 after solid seasons by both safeties. Your best bet is to play lots of zone coverage with Darius Slay and Quin Glover, who both have pretty good size for the position.

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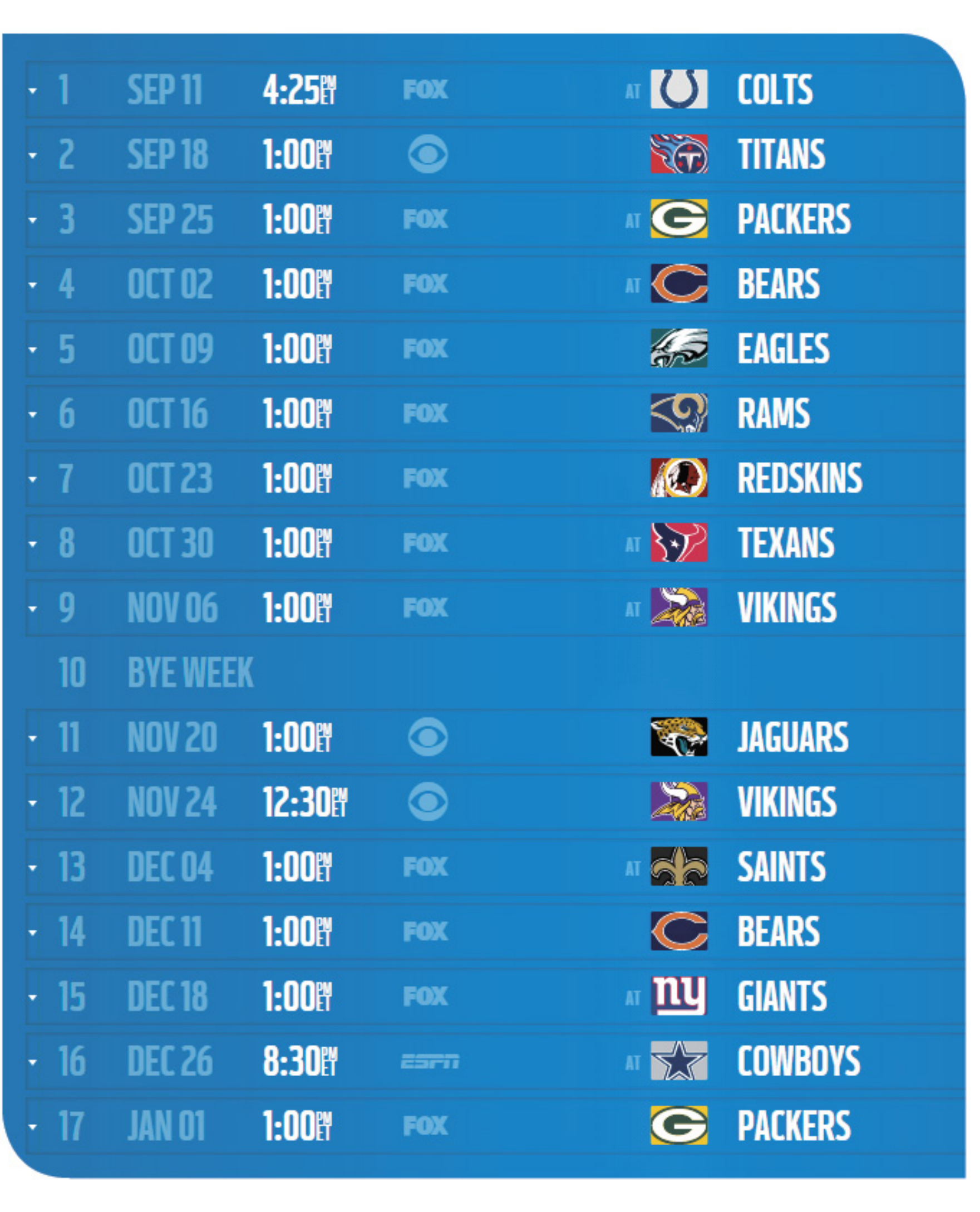

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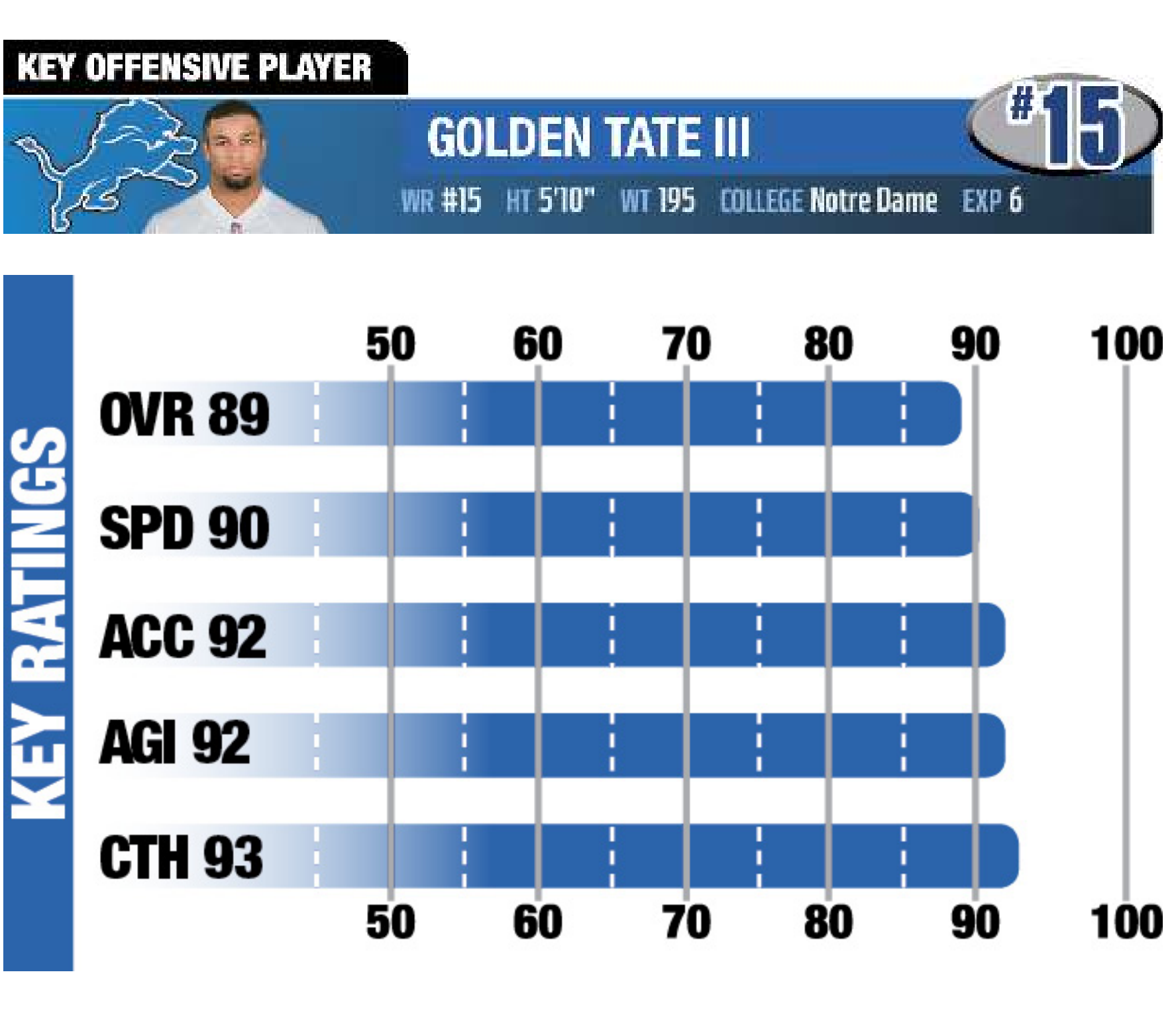
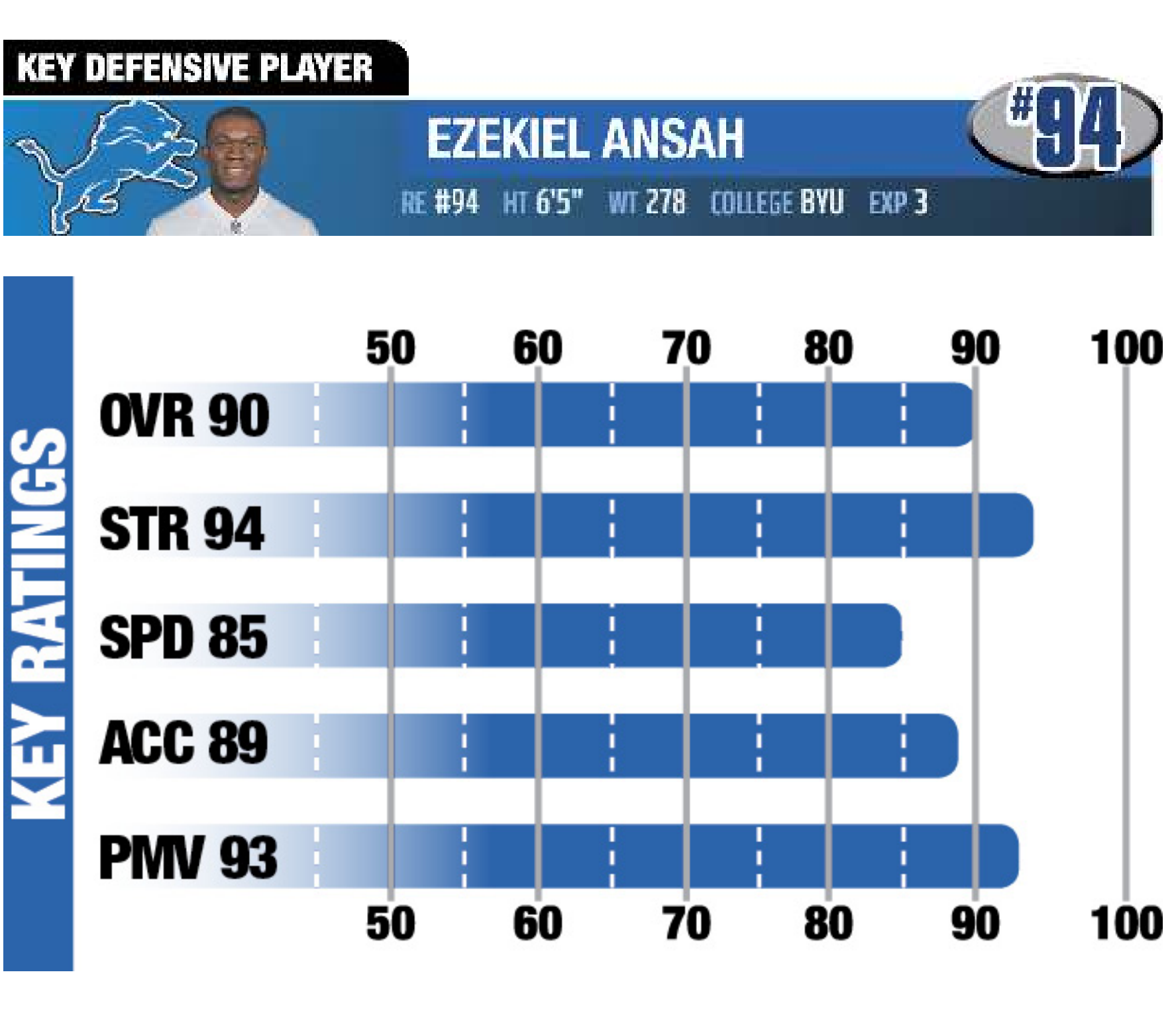
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER



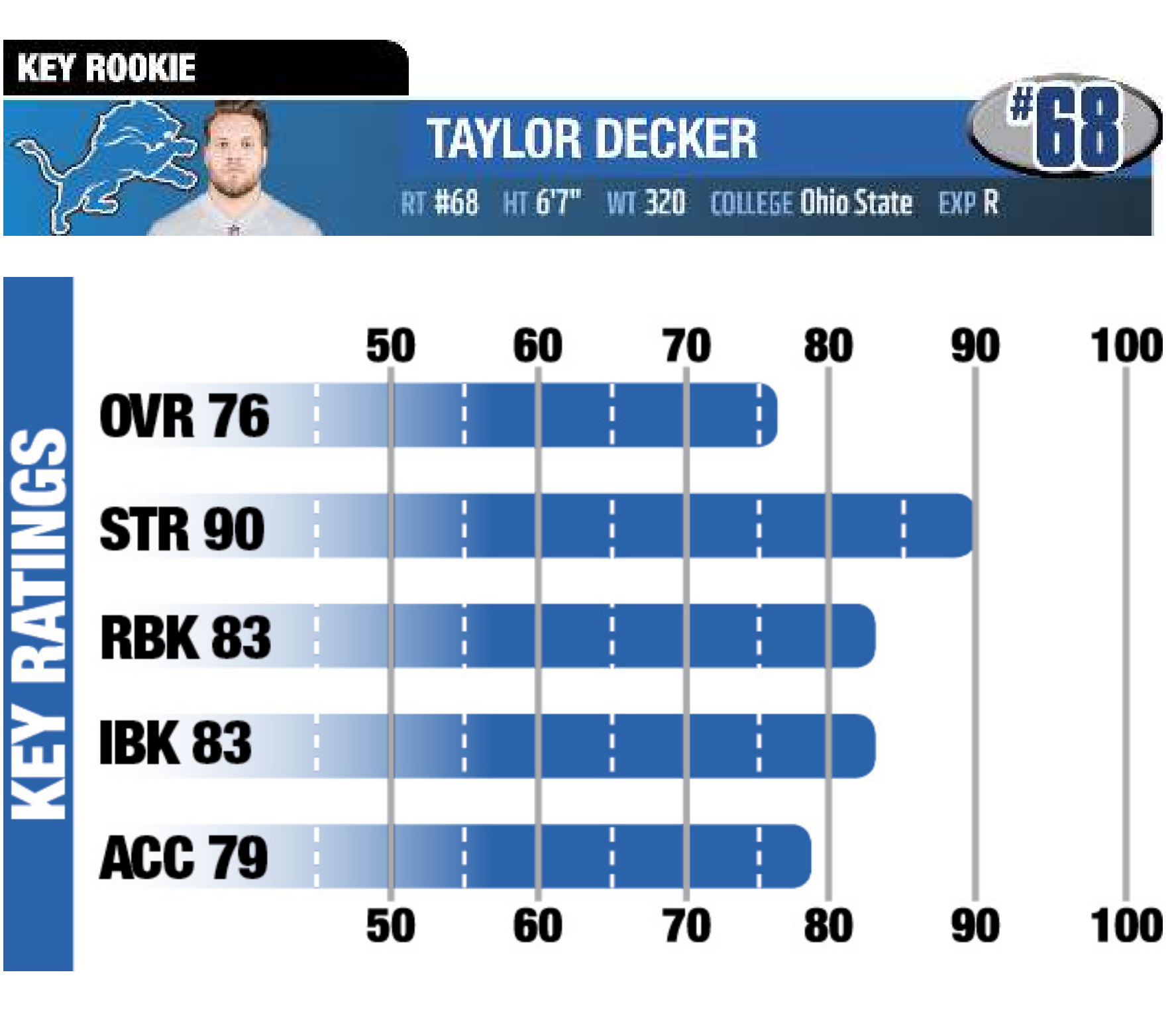
- Tate should be your main target in the red zone with a high throw and aggressive catch.
- Continue to develop Tate's confidence by throwing to him often, but understand that he will be a major target on the field.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER



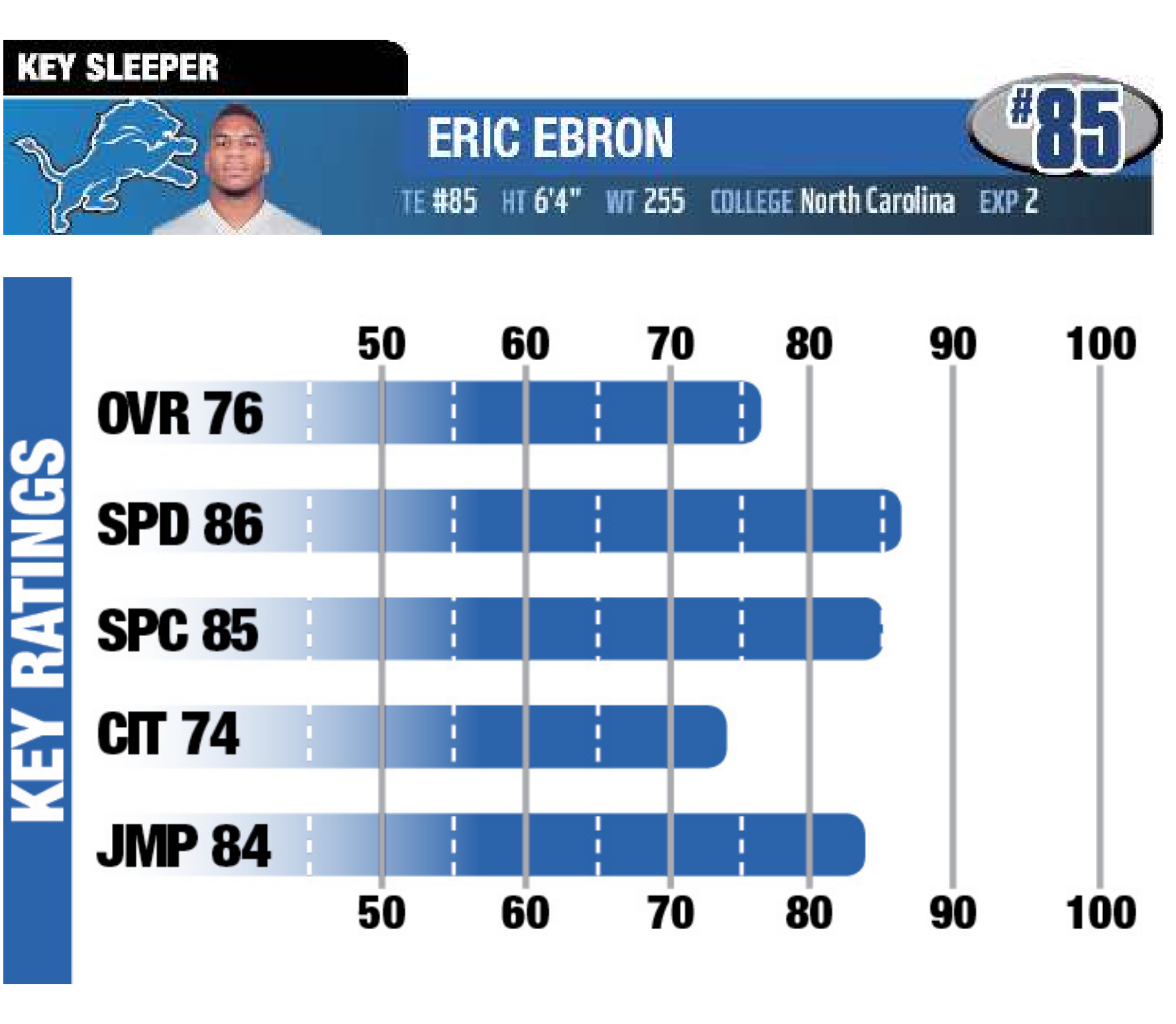
- As if the size and speed weren't enough, Ansah can also knock balls loose with big hits because he has a 90 Hit Power rating.
- Keep developing Ansah's block shedding so he continues to improve in the run game. For now, keep a linebacker behind him.

KEY ROOKIE



- Decker is a great run blocker; however, he's agreat all-around player and should be considered starting material.
- Utilize Decker's Acceleration rating on plays like counters, where he will be pulling to the edge.

KEY SLEEPER



- Ebron needs an upgrade to either his run blocking or route running to be a true threat on an every-down basis.
- Eric is a TD machine in the red zone; line him up on the side opposite Golden Tate III.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Matthew	Stafford	85
QB	Dan	Orlovsky	66
QB	Jake	Rudock	64
HB	Theo	Riddick	81
HB	Ameer	Abdullah	78
HB	Stevan	Ridley	73
HB	Zach	Zenner	69
HB	George	Winn	68
HB	Dwayne	Washington	65
FB	Michael	Burton	83
WR	Golden	Tate III	89
WR	Marvin	Jones	82
WR	Jeremy	Kerley	72
WR	Andre	Roberts	71
WR	Andre	Caldwell	70
WR	Corey	Fuller	70
WR	T.J.	Jones	66
WR	Ryan	Spadola	61
WR	Jay	Lee	60
TE	Eric	Ebron	76
TE	Brandon	Pettigrew	74
TE	Timothy	Wright	71
TE	Don	Muhlbach	59
TE	Jimmy	Landes	54
LT	Riley	Reiff	81
LT	Corey	Robinson	69
LG	Laken	Tomlinson	69
LG	Joe	Dahl	65
C	Graham	Glasgow	69
C	Travis	Swanson	67
C	Gabe	Ikard	65
RG	Geoff	Schwartz	81
RG	Larry	Warford	74
RG	Chase	Farris	59
RT	Taylor	Decker	76
RT	Michael	Ola	74
RT	Cornelius	Lucas	70

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Wallace	Gilberry	74
LE	Devin	Taylor	72
DT	Haloti	Ngata	82
DT	A'Shawn	Robinson	72
DT	Tyrunn	Walker	72
DT	Gabe	Wright	69
DT	Stefan	Charles	68
DT	Caraun	Reid	67
RE	Ezekiel	Ansah	90
RE	Anthony	Zettel	66
LOLB	Tahir	Whitehead	83
LOLB	Kyle	Van Noy	72
LOLB	Brandon	Copeland	64
MLB	Stephen	Tulloch	84
MLB	Zaviar	Gooden	68
MLB	Jon	Bostic	67
MLB	Antwione	Williams	65
MLB	Jerry	Franklin	63
ROLB	DeAndre	Levy	87
ROLB	Josh	Bynes	79
ROLB	Khaseem	Greene	71
CB	Darius	Slay	90
CB	Quandre	Diggs	74
CB	Nevin	Lawson	70
CB	Darrin	Walls	69
CB	Crezdon	Butler	68
CB	Alex	Carter	67
CB	Ian	Wells	63
FS	Glover	Quin	83
FS	Rafael	Bush	77
FS	Johnson	Bademosi	74
SS	Tavon	Wilson	73
SS	Don	Carey	70
SS	Miles	Killebrew	68
SS	Isaiah	Johnson	61

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Matt	Prater	81
P	Sam	Martin	80

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: PISTOL ACE – HB DIVE

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Normal Y-Flex – HB Quick Base	I-Form Pro – Slam Fk End Arnd	I-Form Twins Flex – FB Dive Strong	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Split Flex – Power O	Pistol Y-Trips – Strong Power
Pistol Slot Flex – HB Dive	I-Form Twins Flex – HB Toss	I-Form Twins Flex – HB Blast	Goal Line – HB Toss	Gun Snugs Flipped – HB Quick Base	Gun Trey Open Lion – HB Base
Pistol Ace- Power O	Pistol Strong – Read Option	I-Form Twin TE - Iso	Goal Line – FB Dive	Pistol Strong – HB Stretch	Pistol Ace – Jet Sweep

BEST PASS: GUN ACE TWINS - POSTS

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Normal – Lions HB Angle	Gun Ace Twins - Strick	Gun Wing Deep Offset Wk – PA Slide	Gun Normal – PA Lions Shot	Gun Ace Twins – Smash	Gun Empty Lion – Slot Deep Post
Gun Empty Trey – Smash	Gun Split Flex – Slants Middle	Gun Snugs Flipped – PA X Clown	Gun Normal – PA Post Shot	Gun Empty Lion – Lions Flood	Gun Trey Open Lion – Four Verticals
Gun Snugs Flipped – Bench Switch	I-Form Twin TE – PA Power O	Gun Empty Trey – WR Screen	Gun Snugs Flipped – PA Flood Shot	Pistol Y-Trips – PA Power O	Pistol Y-Trips – WR Screen

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 5-2 NORMAL – FIRE ZONE 2

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	5-2 Normal – Pinch	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Sky	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	5-2 Normal – Cover 2	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky Press

BEST PASS D: DOLLAR 3-2-6 – COVER 4 QB CONTAIN

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Mike Will Blitz	5-2 Normal – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	4-3 Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 2 Man LB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Man	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky	5-2 Normal – Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	4-3 Wide 9 – Tampa 2	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 3 Sky Press

Teams

Green Bay Packers

GAMEPLAY RATING 88

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 85
Offense: 89
Defense: 83
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 3-4
Strengths: QB, WR, RE
Weaknesses: FB, MLB, DT

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

2nd NFC North (10-6-0)
Passing Offense: 25th
Rushing Offense: 12th
Passing Defense: 6th
Rushing Defense: 21st

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Aaron Rodgers: 3,821
Rushing: Eddie Lacy: 758
Receiving: Randall Cobb: 829
Tackles: Ha Ha Clinton-Dix: 100
Sacks: Julius Peppers: 10.5
INTS: Damarious Randall: 3

KEY ADDITIONS

RE Mike Matthews
TE Jared Cook
ROLB Lerentee McCray

KEY ROOKIES

DT Kenny Clark
LT Josh James
LT Jason Spriggs

COACH

Mike McCarthy
Level: 24
Offensive Scheme: West Coast
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 3-4

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Aaron Rodgers is the best QB in football and consistently keeps the Packers in the playoff hunt. While he doesn't have the same speed any longer, he can still pick up some first downs if teams forget to contain or spy him.
- HB Eddie Lacy is an amazing back who is capable of carrying the offense at times. Take advantage of his talents in the passing game, because most defenders in the secondary can't tackle him.
- The WR combo of Jordy Nelson and Randall Cobb is more than most teams can handle. The Packers were very smart to keep those two together for the long term.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Packers' linebacking corps has gained some strength, but they still have a little work to do. Allow Julius Peppers and Sam Barrington to rush the passer while Matthews and the young Carl Bradford hold down the middle.
- RE Mike Daniels is an excellent pass rusher on the defensive line. Support him in the run game with a strong LB like Sam Barrington.
- CBs Sam Shields and Damarious Randall are smart choices to keep building around the Green Bay Packers. Be on the lookout for another free agent or two to continue the rebuild.

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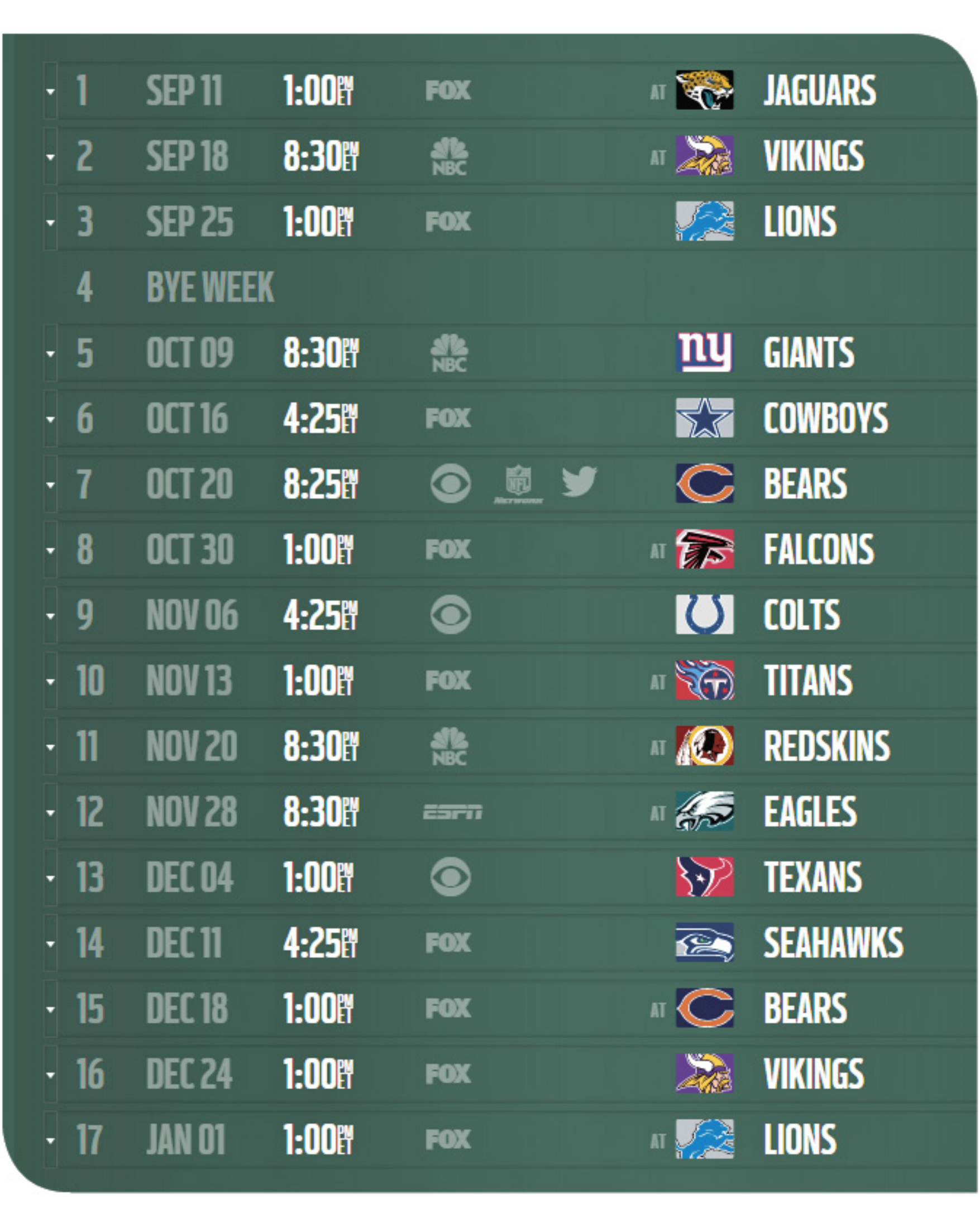

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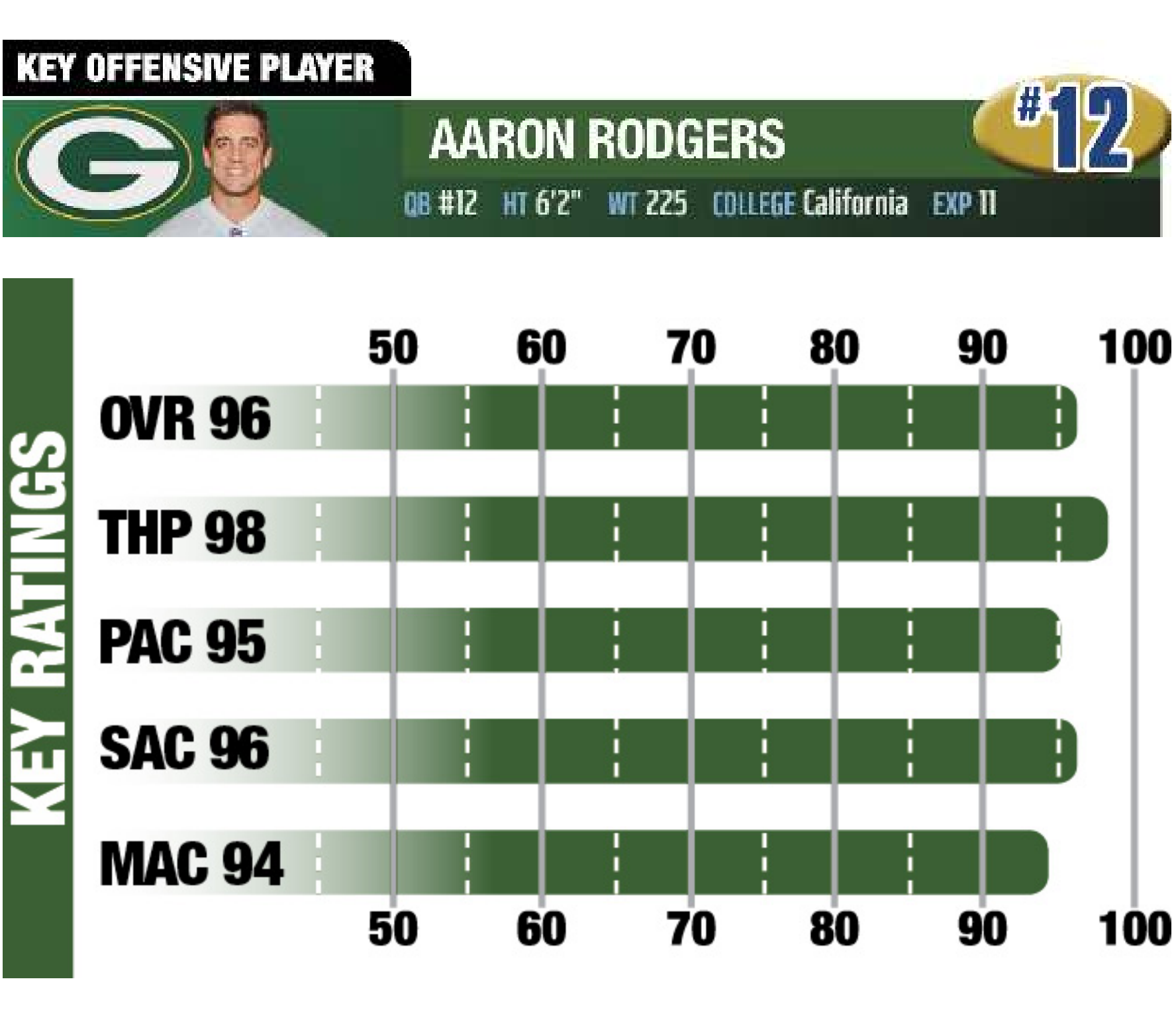
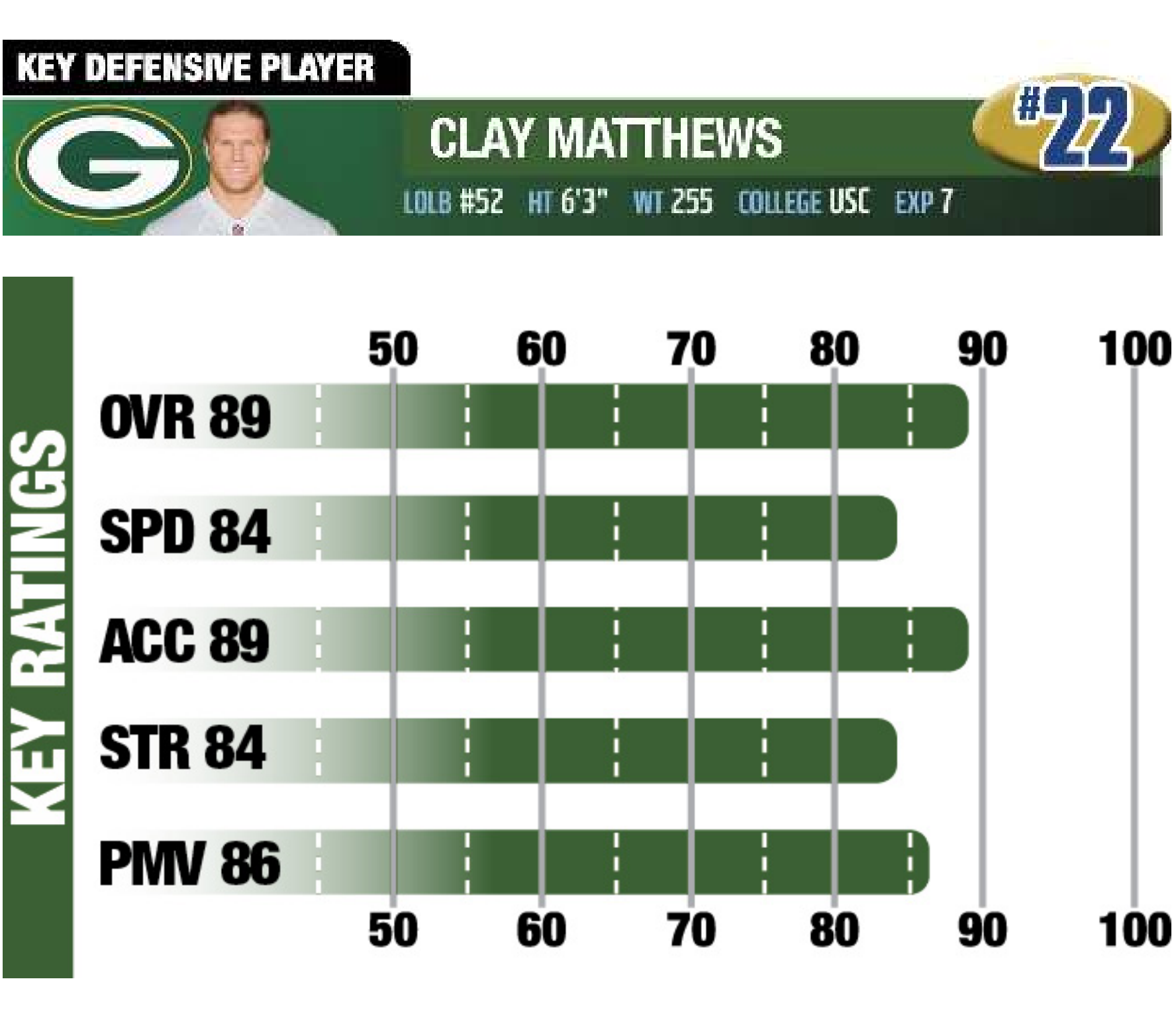
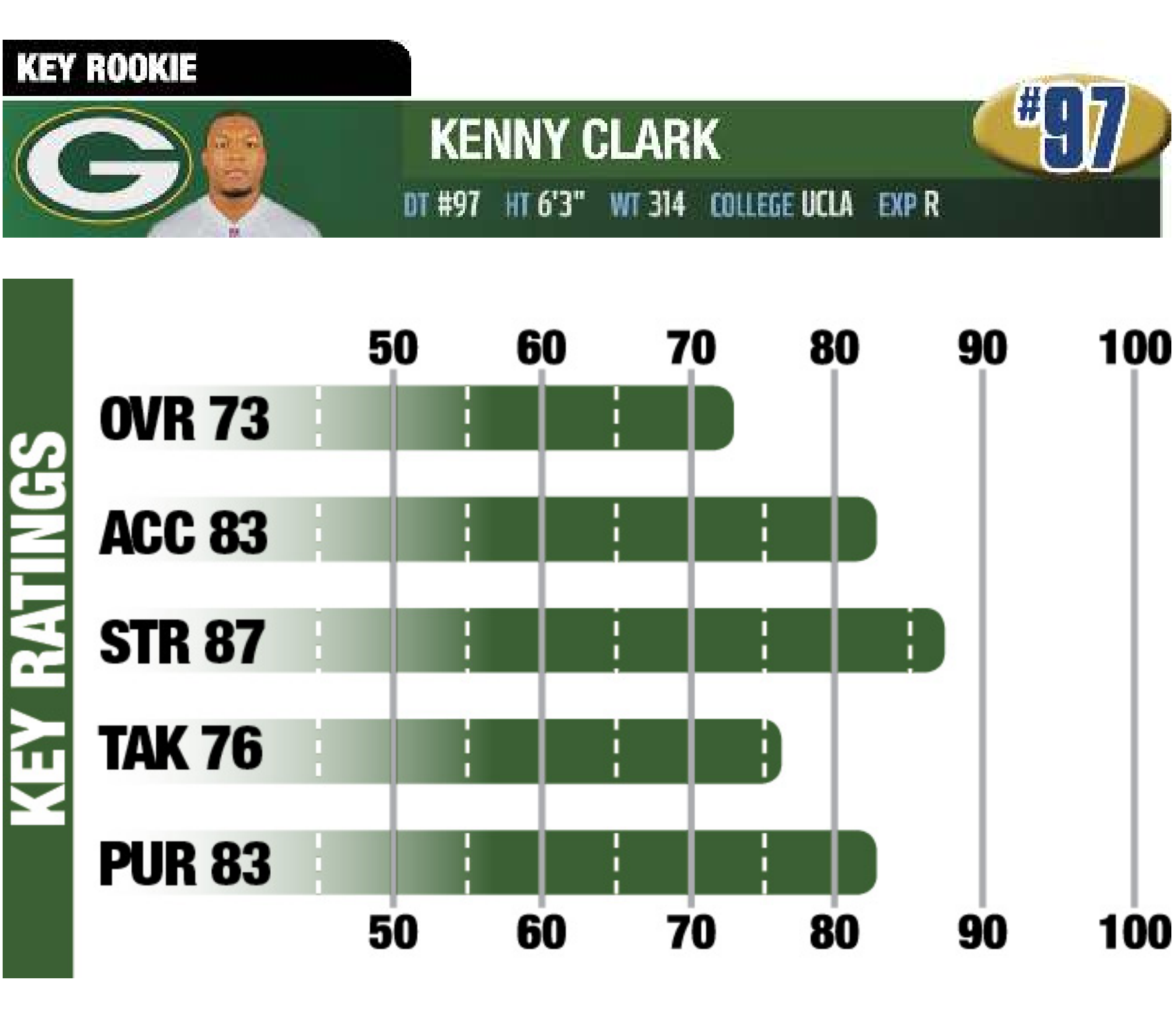


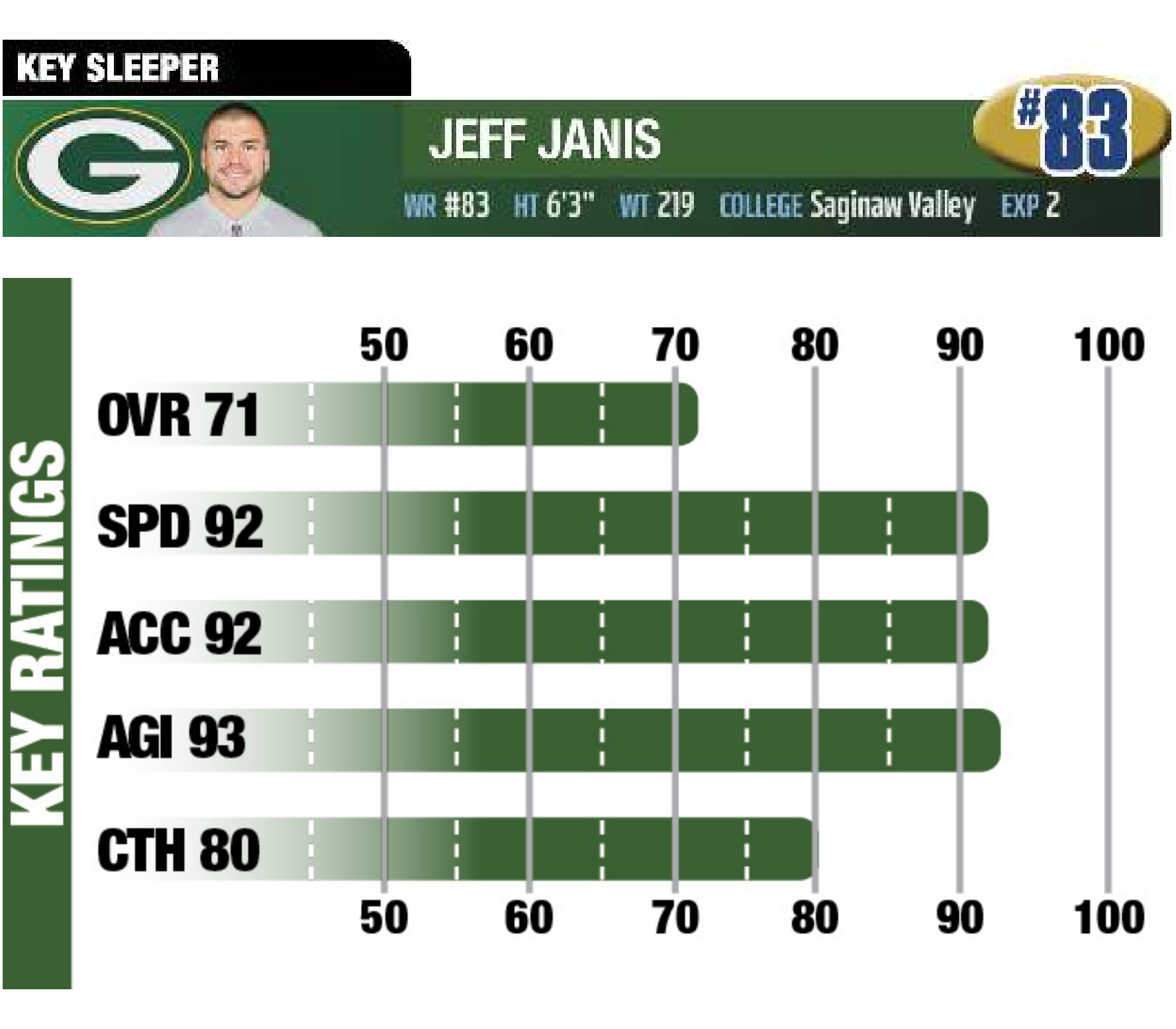
- Make sure to use all of the throw types to take advantage of Rodgers' stunning accuracy.
- Aaron Rodgers is the best overall QB in the game and is capable of running any style of offense.



- Matthews has a great ability to recognize plays and avoid being faked out by play action.
- Learn to line up Clay Matthews all over your defense and that Hit Power rating will pay big dividends.



- Clark is a great addition to the defense. The Packers definitely have a great line up, but adding another DT will be key to a championship run.
- Getting past Clark is not an easy feat, but if the ball-carrier succeeds, Clark has a great Pursuit rating and they won't get far.



- Janis will need some upgrades to route running, but he could be a nice player to round out the WR corps.
- Janis is 6'3" with a 90 Jump rating; if anyone can get him the ball in a good spot, it's Aaron Rodgers.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Aaron	Rodgers	96
QB	Brett	Hundley	70
QB	Joe	Callahan	62
HB	Eddie	Lacy	83
HB	James	Starks	79
HB	John	Crockett	67
HB	Brandon	Burks	61
HB	Don	Jackson	61
FB	Aaron	Ripkowski	71
WR	Jordy	Nelson	89
WR	Randall	Cobb	86
WR	Davante	Adams	75
WR	Jeff	Janis	71
WR	Ty	Montgomery	71
WR	Jared	Abbrederis	68
WR	Trevor	Davis	64
WR	Geronimo	Allison	61
TE	Jared	Cook	80
TE	Richard	Rodgers	79
TE	Mitchell	Henry	69
TE	Justin	Perillo	68
TE	Kennard	Backman	65
TE	Rick	Lovato	51
LT	David	Bakhtiari	79
LT	Josh	James	72
LT	Jason	Spriggs	70
LT	Don	Barclay	65
LG	Josh	Sitton	91
LG	Lane	Taylor	67
C	Corey	Linsley	81
C	J.C.	Tretter	76
C	Jacob	Flores	58
RG	T.J.	Lang	91
RG	Josh	Walker	62
RT	Bryan	Bulaga	78
RT	Kyle	Murphy	66

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Datone	Jones	76
LE	Dean	Lowry	65
LE	Tyler	Kuder	58
DT	Kenny	Clark	73
DT	Letroy	Guion	73
DT	Christian	Ringo	60
DT	Brian	Price	59
RE	Mike	Daniels	92
RE	Mike	Pennel	66
RE	Demetris	Anderson	57
LOLB	Clay	Matthews	89
LOLB	Jayrone	Elliott	68
LOLB	Kyler	Fackrell	68
LOLB	Beniquez	Brown	59
MLB	Sam	Barrington	73
MLB	Jake	Ryan	70
MLB	Joe	Thomas	70
MLB	Carl	Bradford	68
MLB	Blake	Martinez	67
ROLB	Julius	Peppers	86
ROLB	Nick	Perry	81
ROLB	Lerentee	McCray	71
ROLB	Reggie	Gilbert	57
CB	Sam	Shields	86
CB	Damarious	Randall	76
CB	Quinten	Rollins	72
CB	Demetri	Goodson	68
CB	LaDarius	Gunter	64
CB	Josh	Hawkins	62
CB	Makinton	Dorleant	61
FS	Ha Ha	Clinton-Dix	83
FS	Micah	Hyde	80
FS	Marwin	Evans	63
SS	Morgan	Burnett	85
SS	Chris	Banjo	72
SS	Kentrell	Brice	63

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Mason	Crosby	81
P	Tim	Masthay	74

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: GUN DOUBLES FLEX WING – HB DIVE

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Tight Doubles – Off Tackle	Weak Slot – Off Tackle	Full House Wide – HB Slam	Goal Line – HB Sting	Singleback Big Twins – HB Stretch	Gun Wing Offset Wk – HB Off Tackle
Singleback Ace – HB Stretch	Weak Slot – HB Lead	Full House Wide – Power O	Goal Line – HB Toss	Singleback Bunch – Toss Crack	Gun Wing Offset Wk – Power O
Singleback Ace – HB Dive	I-Form Twin TE – Stretch	I-Form Twin TE – Weak Iso	Goal Line – FB Dive	Strong Close – Quick Toss	Gun Packer Trips – HB Base

BEST PASS: GUN PACK TRIPS – FOUR VERTICALS

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Ace Pair – TE Attack	Weak Slot - Corners	I-Form Twin TE – WR Corner	Gun Trey Open – Slot Fade Shot	Gun Trey Open – HB Slip Screen	Gun Bunch Wk – HB Cross Screen
Singleback Bunch – Clearout SE Opt	Gun Bunch Wk – Verticals	I-Form Twin TE – PA TE Leak	Pistol Y-Trips – PA Zone Shot	Gun Double Flex – Four Verticals	Gun Bunch Wk – Corner Strike
Singleback Tight Doubles – PA Draw Cross	Gun Trips Y Iso – PA Deep Outs	Pistol Y-Trips – TE Stick	Gun Normal Flex Wing – PA Pack Shot	Pistol Slot Flex Packer – Four Verticals	Gun Trey Open – Four Verticals

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: NICKEL 3-3-5 WIDE – MIKE BLITZ 0

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch	3-4 Under – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Odd – Pinch Buck 0	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 2 Man	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 3 Sky
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	3-4 Under – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Odd – Cover 3 Sky	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 3 Buzz	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 2 Sink

BEST PASS D: BIG DIME 2-3-6 WILL – COVER 4 DROP

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 2 Man	3-4 Even – Tampa 2	3-4 Solid – Sting Pinch	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 2 Sink	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 2 Man
34 Odd – Tampa 2	3-4 Even – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Solid – Cover 3 Sky	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 3 Mable	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 4

Carolina Panthers

GAMEPLAY RATING 88

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 88
Offense: 93
Defense: 95
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3
Strengths: QB, TE, DT
Weaknesses: RT, LOLB CB

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

1st NFC South (15-1-0)
Passing Offense: 24th
Rushing Offense: 2nd
Passing Defense: 11th
Rushing Defense: 4th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Cam Newton: 3,837
Rushing: Jonathan Stewart: 989
Receiving: Greg Olsen: 1,104
Tackles: Luke Kuechly: 118
Sacks: Kawann Short: 11
INTS: Kurt Coleman: 7

KEY ADDITIONS

ROLB Thomas Davis Sr.
FS Kurt Coleman
DT Paul Soliai

KEY ROOKIES

DT Vernon Butler
CB James Bradberry
CB Daryl Worley

COACH

Ron Rivera
Level: 17
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Attacking 4-3

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Cam Newton is in for the long term and has given a face for the franchise with his ability to utilize a unique scheme. Derek Anderson is a decent backup who can spell Newton, but you should focus on keeping him upright and out of harm's way.
- HB Jonathan Stewart has a unique blend of strength and elusiveness that makes him a good back for the Panthers' scheme. The real key is keeping him healthy. FB Mike Tolbert is an excellent option to get the most out of your scheme, especially in the red zone and catching passes out of the backfield.
- The Panthers have a true #1 WR in Kelvin Benjamin. He's a threat in the red zone with a 6'5" frame and a 97 CIT rating. He is also excellent against press coverage, so don't worry about facing physical corners. Benjamin is the only reliable target for QB Cam Newton; everyone else has flashes, but you need to put them in the best spot for their talent to take over. At TE, Greg Olsen is the best target you have for third downs. He's also a solid run blocker.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Panthers' defensive line is very balanced across the board. Players like Star Lotulelei will stuff the run while Kawann Short will get after the passer.
- Nothing needs to be said about MLB Luke Kuechly, as he is one of the best all-around players in football. Another one of our favorite players, however, is Thomas Davis, who has been playing at a high level for years now. He has excellent play recognition and won't get fooled on play-action fakes. Allow those two to roam free and focus on rookie Shaq Thompson to make plays and get him XP.
- The Panthers' secondary is actually built pretty nicely for a player who likes to use zone coverage. Tre Boston is quickly becoming a solid defender and should be much improved as you boost his play recognition. While the starting CBs might not be household names yet, they both have great size and should be rock solid in either flat or deep zone coverage.

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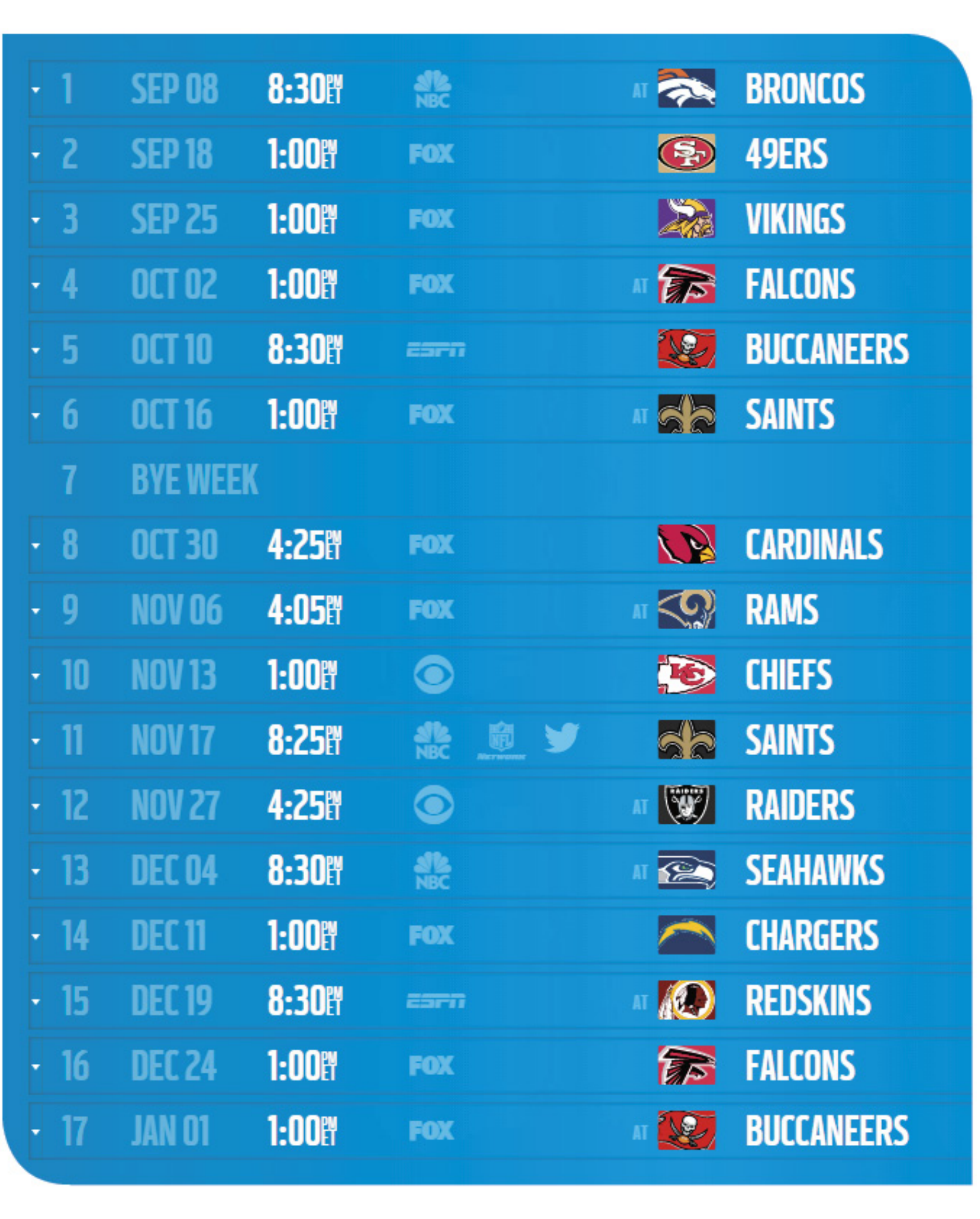

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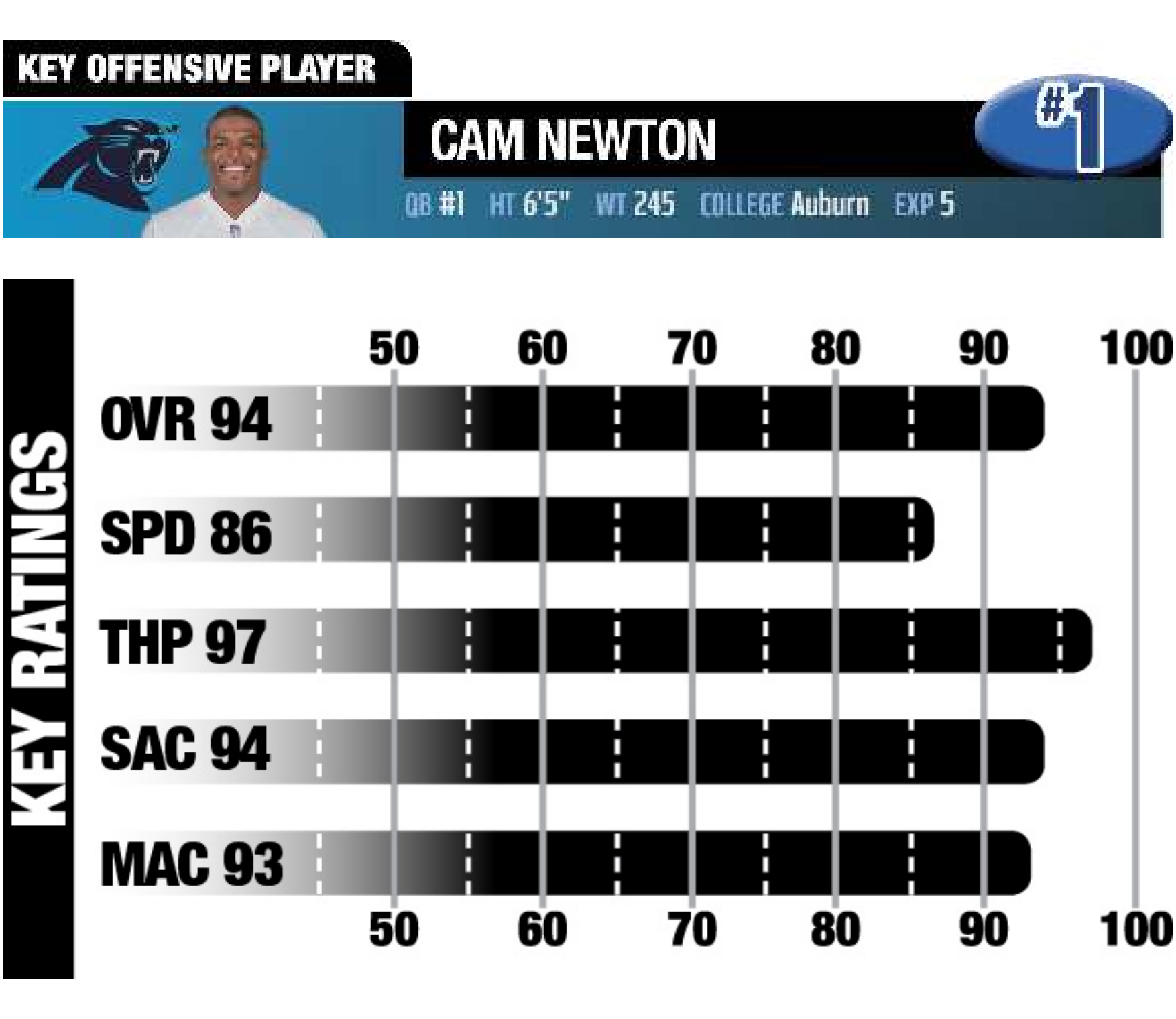
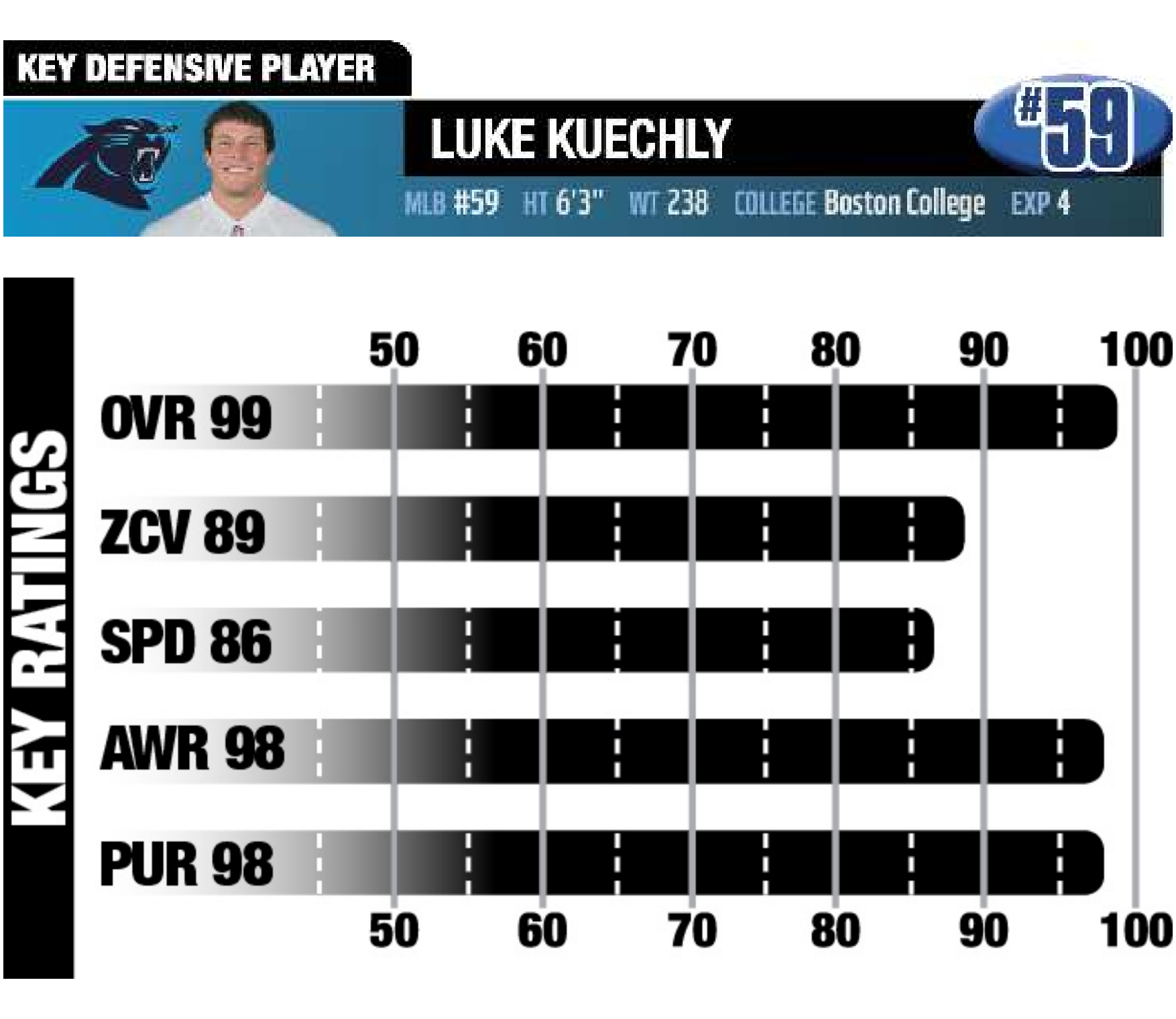


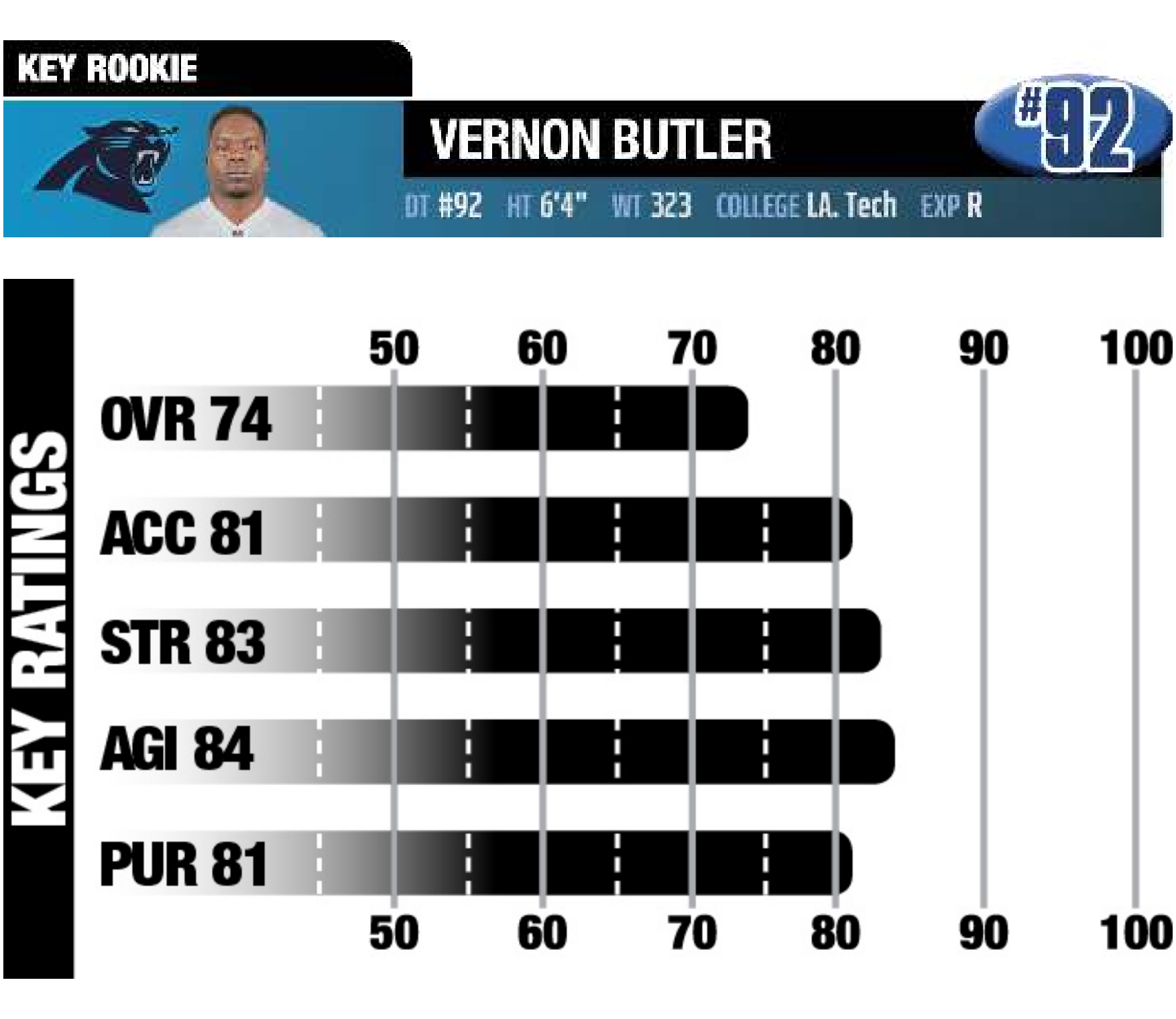
- Newton has excellent strength, agility, and acceleration, which allow him to be a threat on the ground.
- Newton is best when throwing passes between 20 and 40 yards, so look to your TEs and WRs on crossing routes downfield.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER



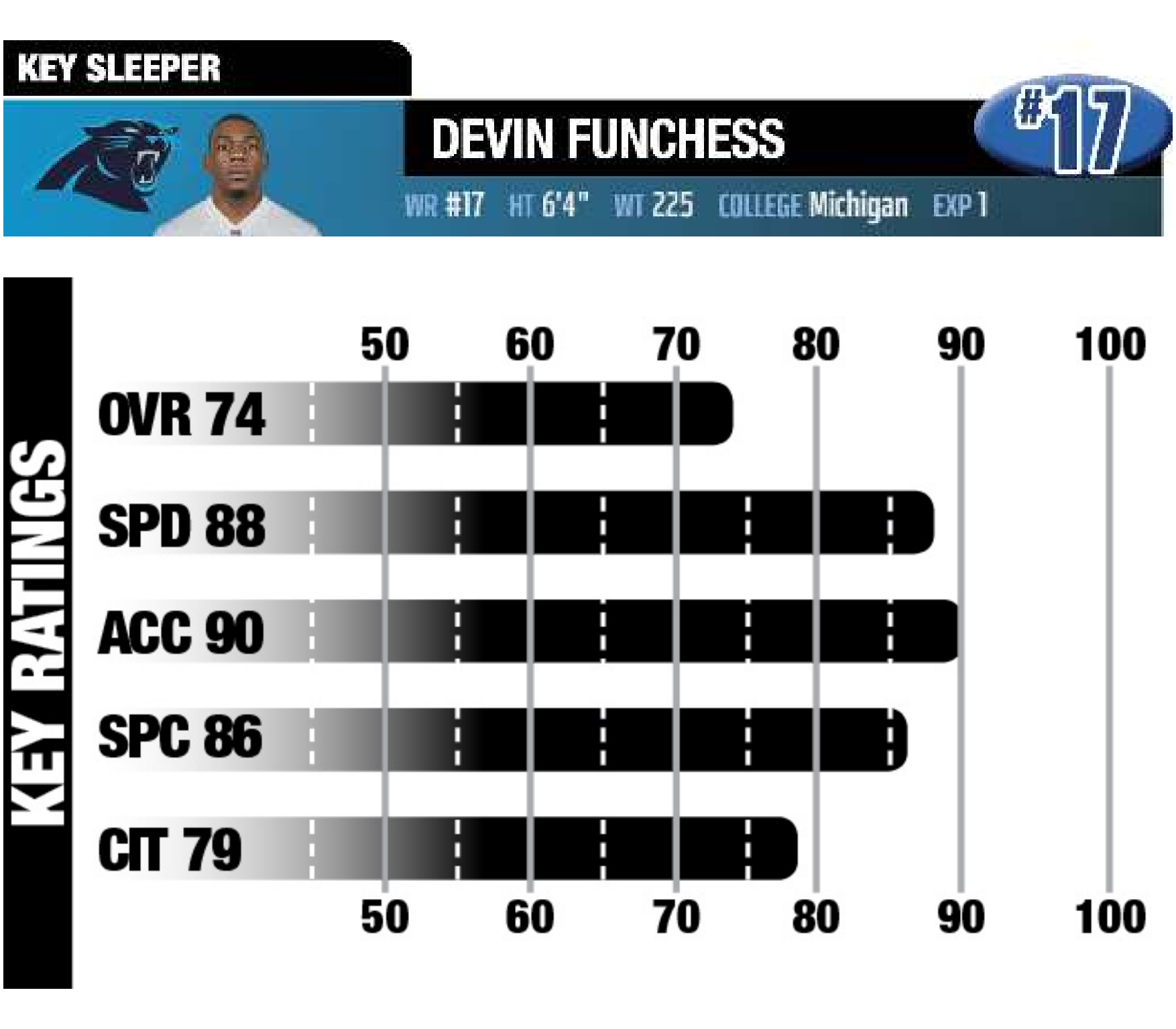
- Kuechly will get himself in position to make big plays for your defense consistently.
- The scary part is that he is still developing. Add a little more hit power to his game for even more turnovers.

KEY ROOKIE



- Butler is extremely talented and has a high Pursuit rating, which will come in handy against the outside run.
- Vernon has a great Power Moves rating, which allows him to get through the line and put pressure on the passer.

KEY SLEEPER



- Funchess is a great complement to Kelvin Benjamin and can hopefully relieve some pressure. Upgrade his Catch in Traffic and Route Running ratings.
- Work on developing the 6'4" Funchess over Stephen Hill, because there's more long-term upside.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Cam	Newton	94
QB	Derek	Anderson	70
QB	Joe	Webb	65
HB	Jonathan	Stewart	87
HB	Cameron	Artis-Payne	70
HB	Fozzy	Whittaker	69
HB	Brandon	Wegher	67
FB	Mike	Tolbert	80
WR	Kelvin	Benjamin	83
WR	Ted	Ginn Jr.	77
WR	Philly	Brown	76
WR	Devin	Funchess	74
WR	Brenton	Bersin	69
WR	Kevin	Norwood	68
WR	Cobi	Hamilton	65
WR	Stephen	Hill	62
TE	Greg	Olsen	93
TE	Ed	Dickson	72
TE	Beau	Sandland	65
TE	Scott	Simonson	64
TE	J.J.	Jansen	53
LT	Michael	Oher	78
LT	David	Foucault	64
LT	Donald	Hawkins	62
LG	Andrew	Norwell	81
LG	David	Yankey	69
LG	Tyler	Larsen	67
C	Ryan	Kalil	87
C	Gino	Gradkowski	70
C	Matt	Masifilo	63
RG	Trai	Turner	87
RG	Chris	Scott	70
RG	Reese	Dismukes	67
RT	Mike	Remmers	74
RT	Daryl	Williams	70

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Charles	Johnson	82
LE	Kony	Ealy	77
LE	Mario	Addison	76
LE	Larry	Webster III	63
DT	Kawann	Short	92
DT	Paul	Soliai	80
DT	Star	Lotulelei	79
DT	Vernon	Butler	74
DT	Kyle	Love	72
DT	Chas	Alecxih	60
RE	Wes	Horton	70
RE	Ryan	Delaire	65
RE	Robert	Thomas	51
LOLB	Shaq	Thompson	75
LOLB	A.J.	Klein	74
MLB	Luke	Kuechly	99
MLB	David	Mayo	64
MLB	Jeremy	Cash	62
MLB	Jared	Norris	57
ROLB	Thomas	Davis Sr.	88
ROLB	Ben	Jacobs	67
CB	Bene	Benwikere	80
CB	Robert	McClain	71
CB	James	Bradberry	70
CB	Daryl	Worley	68
CB	Shaquille	Richardson	64
CB	Zack	Sanchez	64
CB	Teddy	Williams	62
CB	Lou	Young	61
FS	Kurt	Coleman	86
FS	Colin	Jones	69
FS	Marcus	Ball	65
SS	Tre	Boston	78
SS	Trenton	Robinson	68
SS	Dean	Marlowe	67

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Graham	Gano	85
P	Mike	Scifres	77
P	Swayze	Waters	69

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: GUN TREY Y-FLEX – OUTSIDE ZONE

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Normal Flex Wing Wk – Inside Zone Split	Pistol Strong – Read Option	Gun Ace – QB Blast	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Empty Panther – Jet Sweep	Wildcat – Power
Gun Normal Y-Flex Tight – HB Quick Base	Pistol Full Panther – Triple Option	I-Form Twin TE – Iso	Goal Line – HB Toss	Singleback Bunch Ace – Toss Crack	Wildcat – Counter
Pistol Weak – Triple Option	Gun Split Panther – Inverted Veer	I-Form Pro – FB Dive	Goal Line – FB Dive	Strong I H Twins – Outside Zone	Gun Bunch – Read Option

BEST PASS: SINGLEBACK TIGHT SLOTS – PA PANTHER POST

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Tight Slots – Drag Cross Ups	Gun Normal Flex Wing Wk – PA Slide	Pistol Weak – Y Corner	Gun Trips Y-Flex – PA WR In	Gun Trey Y-Flex – PA Crossers	Gun Trips TE – Verticals
Singleback Tight Slots – HB Wheel	Gun Ace – Corner Strike	Pistol Full Panther – Curl Deep Out	Gun Split Panther – PA Shot Go&#39;s	Gun Y-Trips TE Slot – Four Verticals	—
Strong H Pro – Double Go's	Gun Bunch – Panther Bunch	Gun Split Panther – Curl Flats	Gun Ace Twins – PA Fork Shot	Gun Trey Y-Flex – Verticals	—

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 5-2 NORMAL – FIRE ZONE 2

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	5-2 Normal – Pinch	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Sky	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	5-2 Normal – Cover 2	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Buzz 2

BEST PASS D: DOLLAR 3-2-6 – COVER 4 QB CONTAIN

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Mike Will Blitz	5-2 Normal – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	4-3 Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 2 Man LB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Man	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky	5-2 Normal – Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	4-3 Wide 9 – Tampa 2	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 3 Sky Press

GAMEPLAY RATING 90

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 87
Offense: 87
Defense: 91
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Hybrid Defense
Strengths: QB, MLB, TE
Weaknesses: LG, RG, LE

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

1st AFC East (12-4-0)
Passing Offense: 5th
Rushing Offense: 30th
Passing Defense: 17th
Rushing Defense: 9th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Tom Brady: 4,770
Rushing: LaGarrette Blount 703
Receiving: Rob Gronkowski: 1,176
Tackles: Logan Ryan: 74
Sacks: Chandler Jones: 12.5
INTS: Logan Ryan: 4

KEY ADDITIONS

MLB Jamie Collins
TE Marellus Bennett

KEY ROOKIES

CB Cyrus Jones
LG Joe Thuney
QB Jacoby Brissett

COACH

Griffin Murphy
Level: 1
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Hybrid Defense

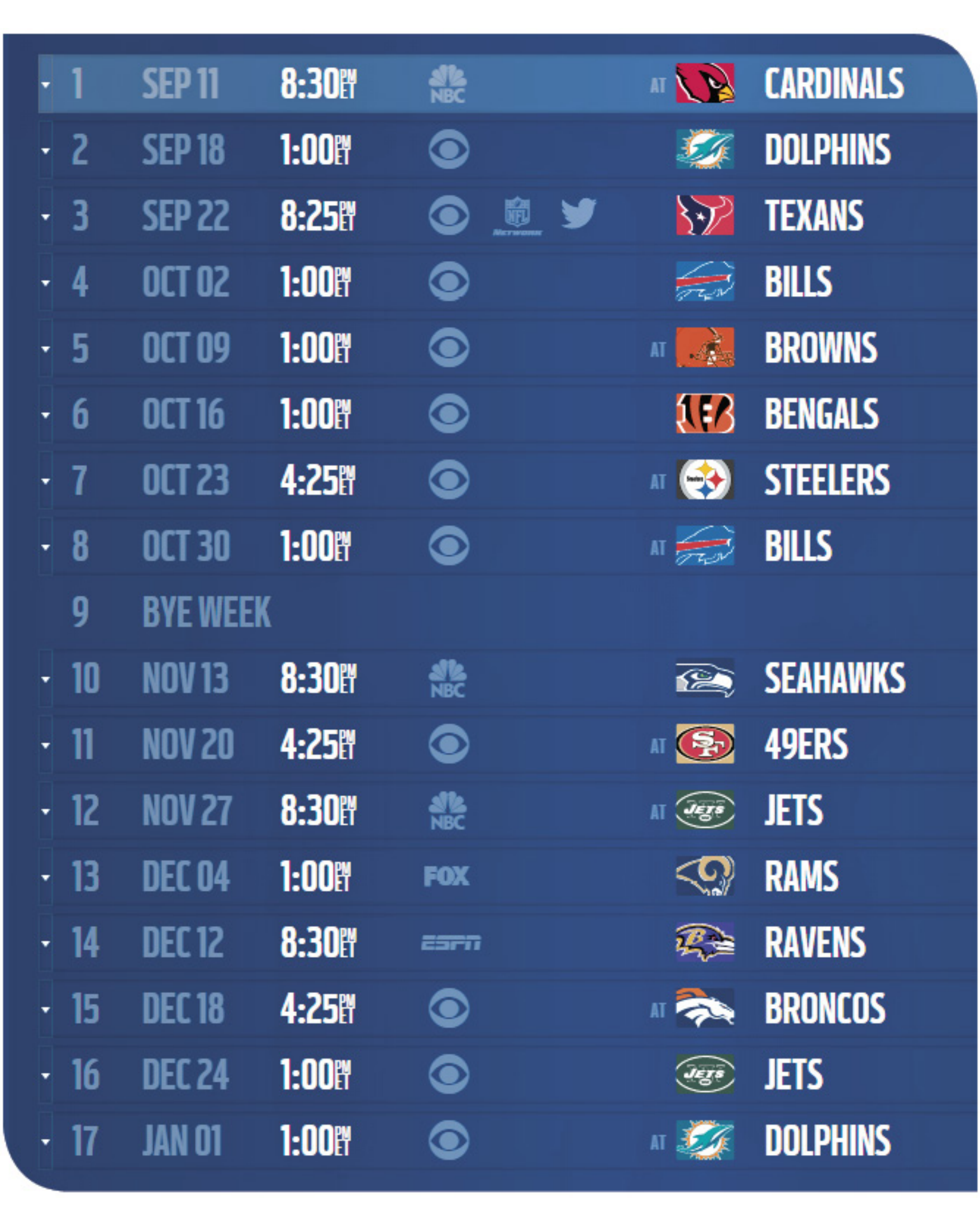
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Patriots will be in the hunt for a Super Bowl every year that Tom Brady is the starting QB. Start looking to Jimmy Garoppolo, who will be the heir apparent once Brady decides to hang them up and head to Canton.
- The Patriots have what seems like a patchwork backfield, but all the players are there for a specific reason. Know how to get the most from them. Use Dion Lewis as a third down back in the passing game while having Blount as your downhill runner. You never know who is going to have the next big game.
- The Patriots' receiving corps really came on strong during their Super Bowl run. WR Julian Edelman proved he is a special talent, while Chris Hogan and Danny Amendola also contributed. Keep Gronk safe over the middle with conservative catches from time to time, as he is the key to the offense.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- LE Chris Long is the star of the defensive line, but Rob Ninkovich's ability to line up anywhere is what really makes this hybrid front possible.
- The Patriots took a few drafts to build their LB corps, and it's now one of the most versatile in football. MLB Jamie Collins is an athletic force who can play coverage or rush the passer at a high level.
- The Patriots' secondary was one of the best in football last season, but now it's time for the young talent to step up. The good news is that veteran leader Devin McCourty is still the anchor, and they have promising young talent like Super Bowl hero Malcolm Butler.

SCHEDULE



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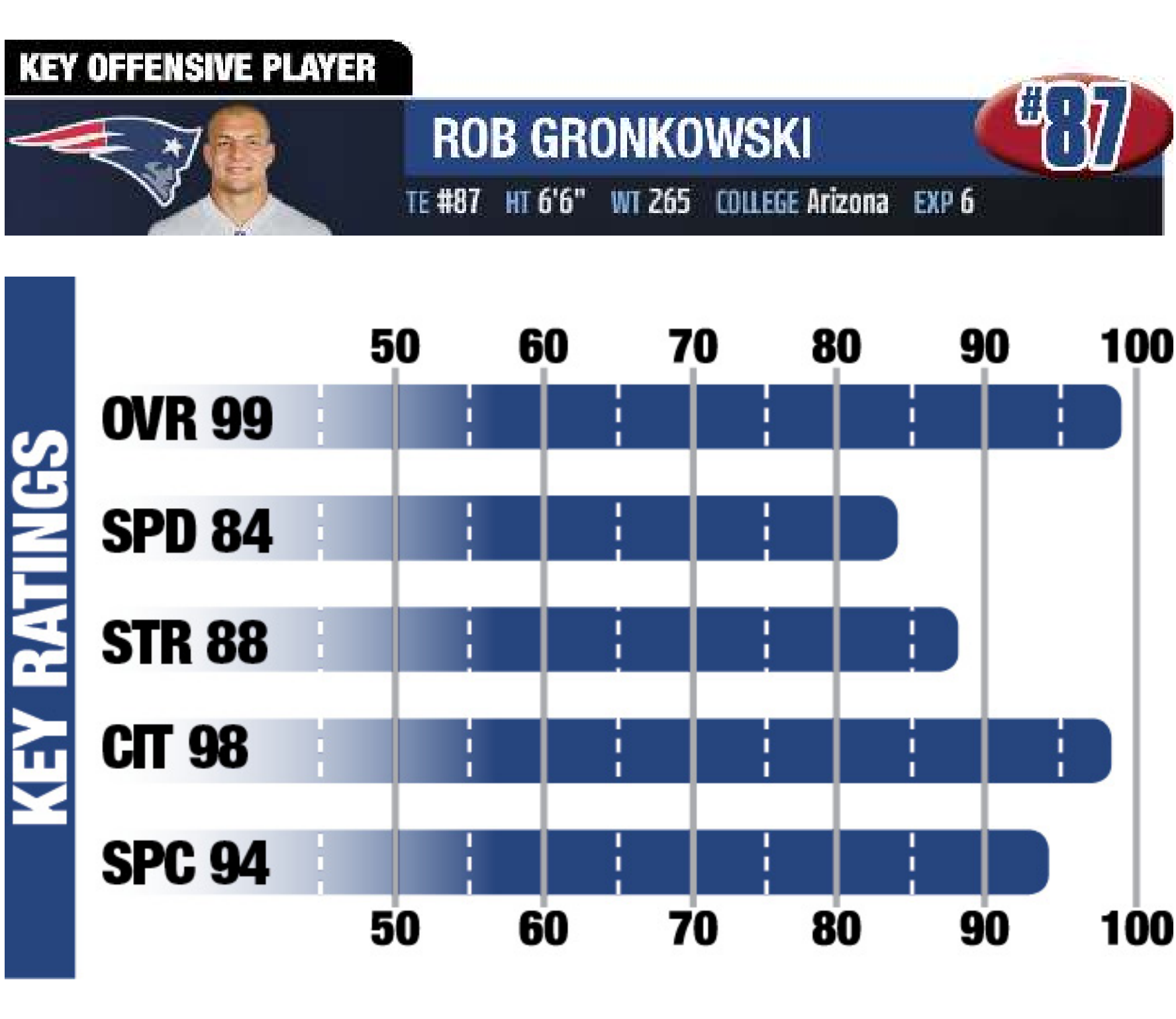
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

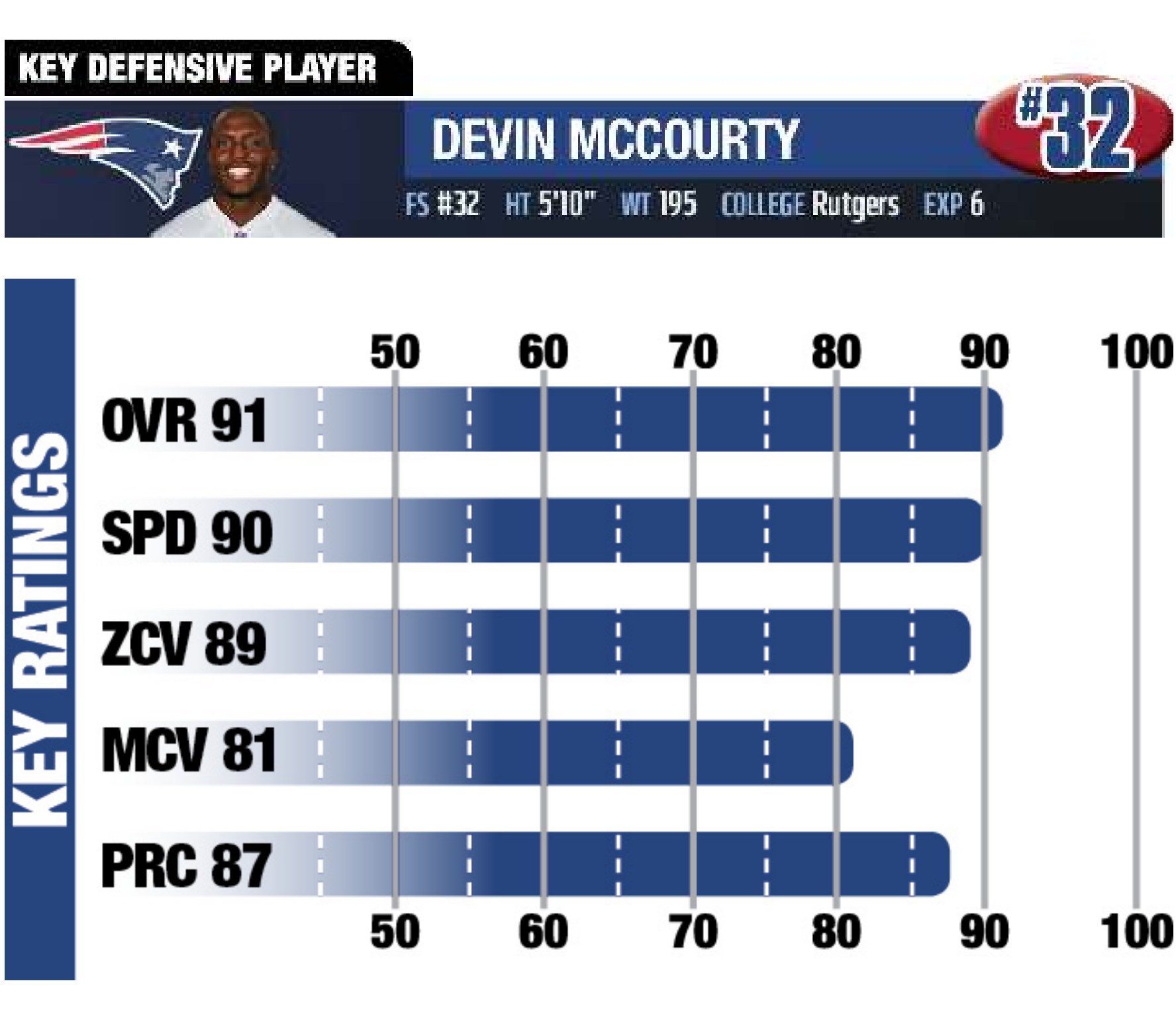
ROB GRONKOWSKI #87
TE #87 HT 6'6" WT 265 COLLEGE Arizona EXP 6



- Gronk will be able to run over most defenders in the secondary with an 88 Trucking rating.
- Gronk is a very solid run blocker, so keep developing him there if you plan to pound the rock.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

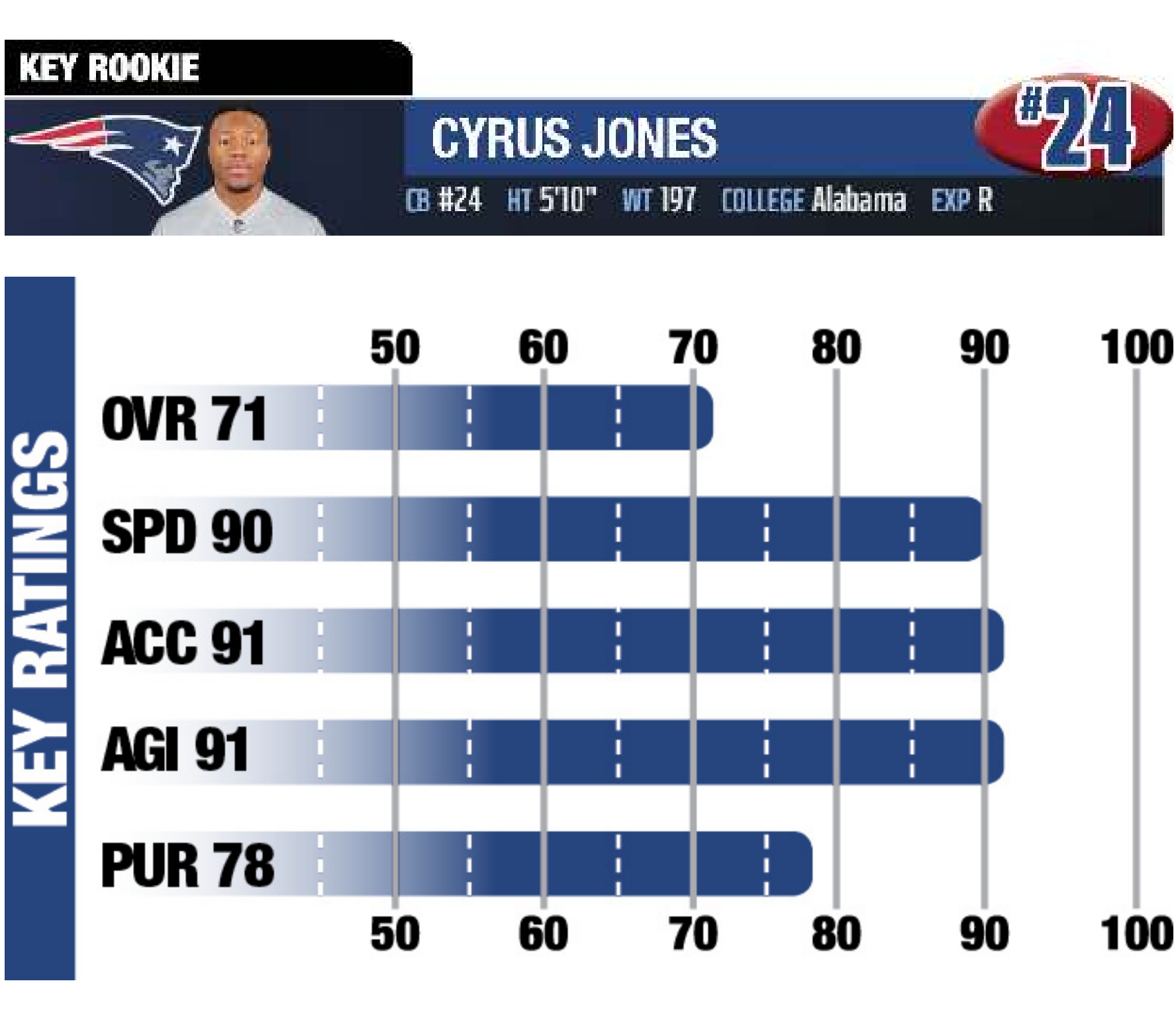
DEVIN MCCOURTY #32
FS #32 HT 5'10" WT 195 COLLEGE Rutgers EXP 6



- The combination of speed, zone coverage, and play recognition separates McCourty from almost every other safety in the game.
- Spend any extra XP on boosts to strength and tackling; everything else is already up to par.

KEY ROOKIE

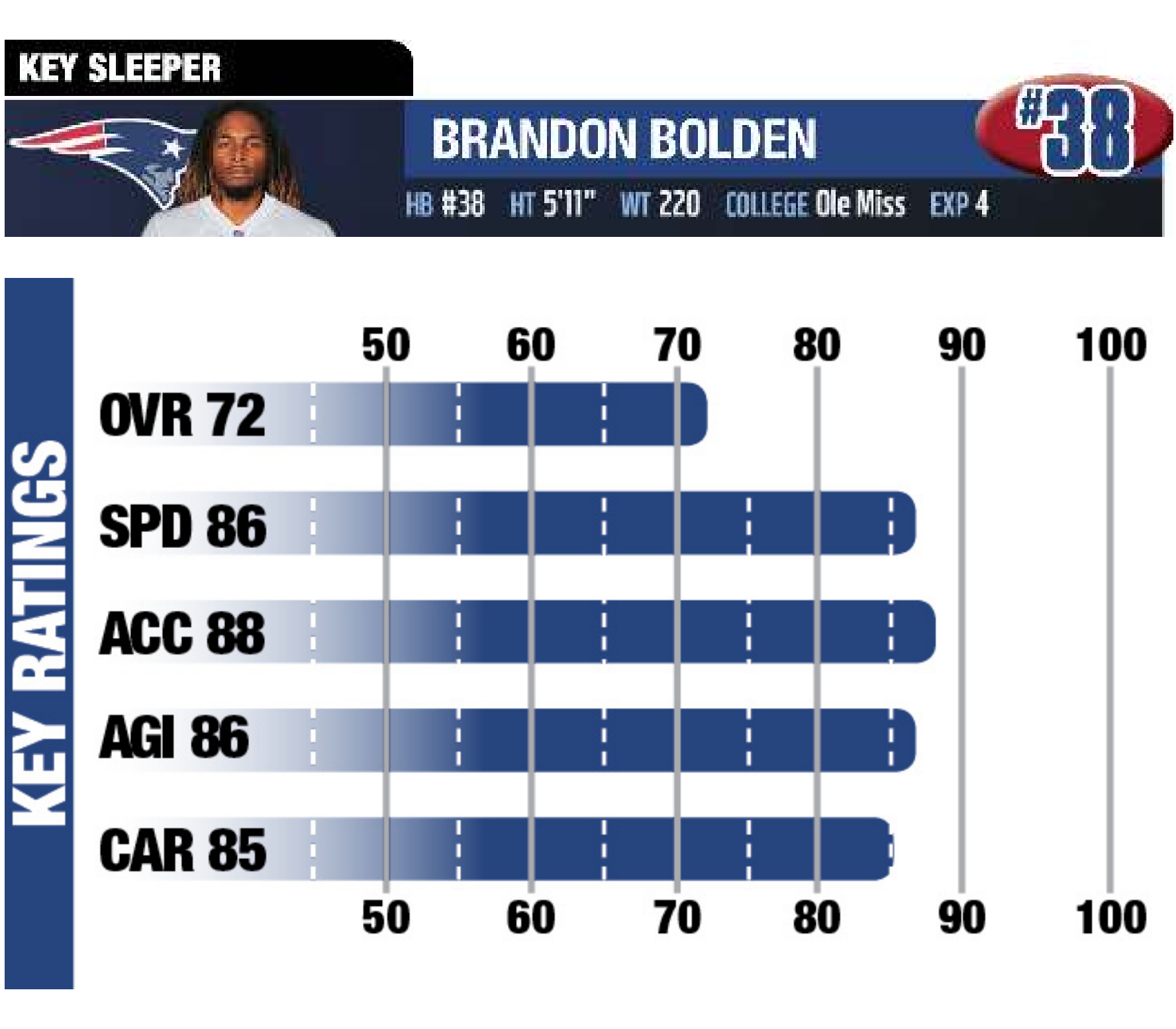
CYRUS JONES #24
CB #24 HT 5'10" WT 197 COLLEGE Alabama EXP R



- Don't let his overall score fool you, Jones is filled with both man and zone coverage talent. With a Pursuit rating of 78 he's great at forcing the other team to earn their yards.
- Jones is rather balanced, so don't be afraid to play him in any of the CB slots.

KEY SLEEPER

BRANDON BOLDEN #38
HB #38 HT 5'11" WT 220 COLLEGE Ole Miss EXP 4



- Bolden had a fine season last year, and he may be the number three back this season. Consider giving him the chance to show you he is still worthy of being higher on the list.
- Because of a Carrying rating of 85, holding onto the ball shouldn't be an issue.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Tom	Brady	94
QB	Jimmy	Garoppolo	72
QB	Jacoby	Brissett	70
HB	LeGarrette	Blount	81
HB	Dion	Lewis	80
HB	Donald	Brown	76
HB	James	White	75
HB	Brandon	Bolden	72
HB	D.J.	Foster	66
FB	James	Develin	83
WR	Julian	Edelman	89
WR	Danny	Amendola	83
WR	Chris	Hogan	75
WR	Nate	Washington	73
WR	Aaron	Dobson	71
WR	Matthew	Slater	69
WR	Keshawn	Martin	68
WR	Malcolm	Mitchell	67
WR	Devin	Lucien	63
TE	Rob	Gronkowski	99
TE	Martellus	Bennett	85
TE	Michael	Williams	71
TE	Clay	Harbor	70
TE	Joe	Cardona	48
LT	Nate	Solder	83
LT	Marcus	Cannon	73
LT	Cameron	Fleming	69
LG	Shaq	Mason	74
LG	Joe	Thuney	70
LG	Chris	Barker	65
C	Josh	Kline	76
C	Bryan	Stork	72
C	David	Andrews	71
RG	Jonathan	Cooper	74
RG	Tre	Jackson	71
RG	Ted	Karras	66
RT	Sebastian	Vollmer	83
RT	LaAdrian	Waddle	70
RT	Keavon	Milton	64

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Chris	Long	77
LE	Frank	Kearse	63
DT	Alan	Branch	77
DT	Malcom	Brown	71
DT	Joe	Vellano	70
DT	Markus	Kuhn	67
DT	Vincent	Valentine	67
RE	Jabaal	Sheard	88
RE	Trey	Flowers	68
RE	Geneo	Grissom	63
LOLB	Rob	Ninkovich	82
LOLB	Kamu	Grugier-Hill	55
MLB	Jamie	Collins	88
MLB	Jonathan	Freeny	69
MLB	Ramon	Humber	68
MLB	Elandon	Roberts	65
ROLB	Dont'a	Hightower	90
ROLB	Shea	McClellin	77
ROLB	Rufus	Johnson	65
CB	Malcolm	Butler	85
CB	Logan	Ryan	84
CB	Cyrus	Jones	71
CB	E.J.	Biggers	70
CB	Justin	Coleman	67
CB	Darryl	Roberts	64
CB	Jonathan	Jones	62
FS	Devin	McCourty	91
FS	Brock	Vereen	70
FS	Jordan	Richards	69
SS	Patrick	Chung	86
SS	Duron	Harmon	75
SS	Nate	Ebner	65

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Stephen	Gostkowski	85
P	Ryan	Allen	78

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK ACE OVERLOAD – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Split Close – HB Power O	Singleback Jumbo Pair – HB Belly Weak	Singleback Jumbo Pair – Power O	I Form Pro Twins – HB Stretch	Gun Tight Doubles On – Off Tackle	Gun Pats Wing Trips – HB Power
Strong Pro – Off Tackle	Singleback Ace Overload – HB Stretch	Singleback Ace Overload – HB Smash	I Form Pro Twins – FB Dive	Gun Normal Wing Pats – HB Base	Gun Bunch Wk – HB Base
Singleback Tight Slots – HB Dive	Gun Ace – Inside Zone	Weak Close – HB Gut	I Form Tight Pair – HB Toss	Gun Trips TE – 45 Quick Base	Singleback Y Trips – HB Stretch

BEST PASS: SINGLEBACK TIGHT SLOTS – PA PANTHER POST

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Tight Slots – HB Wheel	Strong Pro – Pats Y Option	Gun Ace – Inside Cross	Gun Trips TE – PA Shot Wheel	Singleback Y Trips – WR Post	Gun Trips TE – Verticals
Gun Normal Flex Wk Pats – Patriots Corner	I Form Pro – Angle	Gun Split Close Pats – X Drag Trail	Singleback Normal Patriots – PA Draw Shot	Gun Tight Doubles On – Cross Wheels	Gun Empty Ace Patriot – Pats DBL In
Gun Pats Wing Trips – Wheel Mesh	Gun Normal Flex Wk Pats – FL Screen	Gun Empty Ace Patriot – Spacing	Gun Tight Doubles On – Shot Fade Cross	Gun Trips TE – Pats Y Post	Gun Pats Wing Trips – Pats Slot Out

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 34 ODD – PINCH MIKE 0

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Pinch Mike 0	34 Odd – Cover 4 Mike	34 Solid – Cover 4	43 Under – Safety Blitz 3	Nickel 335 Odd – Cover 4 Drop	Nickel 245 – Over Storm Brave
34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Solid – Clamp Double Go	43 Under – Edge Sting	43 Over – Mike Will Blitz	Nickel 335 Odd – Pinch 0	Nickel 245 – Cover 1 LB Blitz

BEST PASS D: 34 ODD – COVER 2 HARD FLAT

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 2 Hard Flat	34 Under – Tampa 2	Nickel 245 – Overload 3	Nickel 335 Odd – Cover 3 Match	Nickel 335 Odd – Cover 4 Drop	Nickel 245 – Cover 3 Mable
43 Under – Cover 3 Match	43 Under – FS Fire 3	43 Over – Cover 3 Cloud	43 Over – Fire Zone 2	Nickel 335 Odd – Cover 2 Man	Nickel 245 – Cover 2 Buster

Teams
Oakland Raiders

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

Overall Team Rating: 84
Offense: 87
Defense: 85
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Hybrid Defense
Strengths: LT, QB, LOLB
Weaknesses: TE, MLB, LE

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

3rd AFC West (7-9-0)
Passing Offense: 16th
Rushing Offense: 28th
Passing Defense: 26th
Rushing Defense: 13th

2015 TEAM LEADERS

Passing: Derek Carr: 3,987
Rushing: Latavius Murray: 1,066
Receiving: Amari Cooper: 1,070
Tackles: Malcom Smith: 122
Sacks: Khalil Mack: 15
INTS: Charles Woodson: 5

KEY ADDITIONS

CB Sean Smith
RG Kelechi Osemele
FS Reggie Nelson

KEY ROOKIES

SS Karl Joseph
QB Connor Cook
LE Jihad Ward

COACH

Jack Del Rio
Level: 11
Offensive Scheme: Balanced Offense
Defensive Scheme: Hybrid Defense

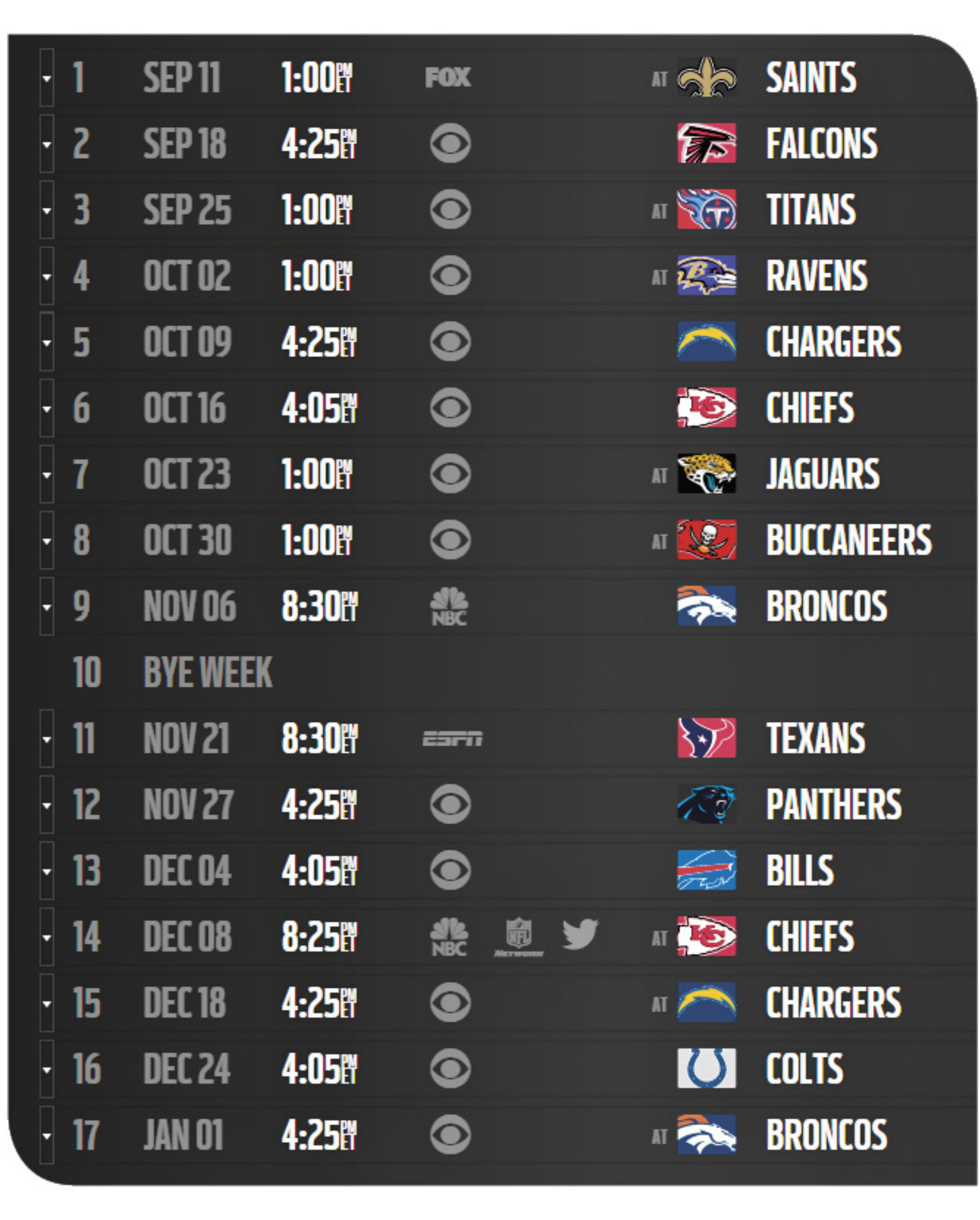
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Derek Carr is getting better and is showing promise to have his best season yet again this year. Continue to develop his Deep Accuracy rating or his big arm won't lead to many big plays.
- The Raiders have moved on from another veteran in the backfield, but that can't hurt their rushing attack, which was ranked 28th last season. Give Latavius Murray the bulk of the carries and run behind the left side of the line, your strong suit.
- The Raiders don't have much stability in their WR corps, but having Michael Crabtree and now Amari Cooper with a season of experience should help. Improve chemistry between Cooper and Carr to really change the dynamic of the offense. Don't forget about Marcel Reece. He's the most dynamic FB in the game, so find clever ways to get him involved.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- LE Jihad Ward is the pass rusher of the bunch on the defensive line. On the other side, allow RE Mario Edwards to develop into an all-around player. Currently his best purpose is to stop the run.
- The Raiders showed that they made a good decision with LB Khalil Mack. Continue to get him on the field no matter what the situation or position and reap the rewards.
- The Raiders have an extremely young secondary with some solid talent on the corners. Allow FS Reggie Nelson to be the veteran leader and help develop the youngsters into stars.

SCHEDULE



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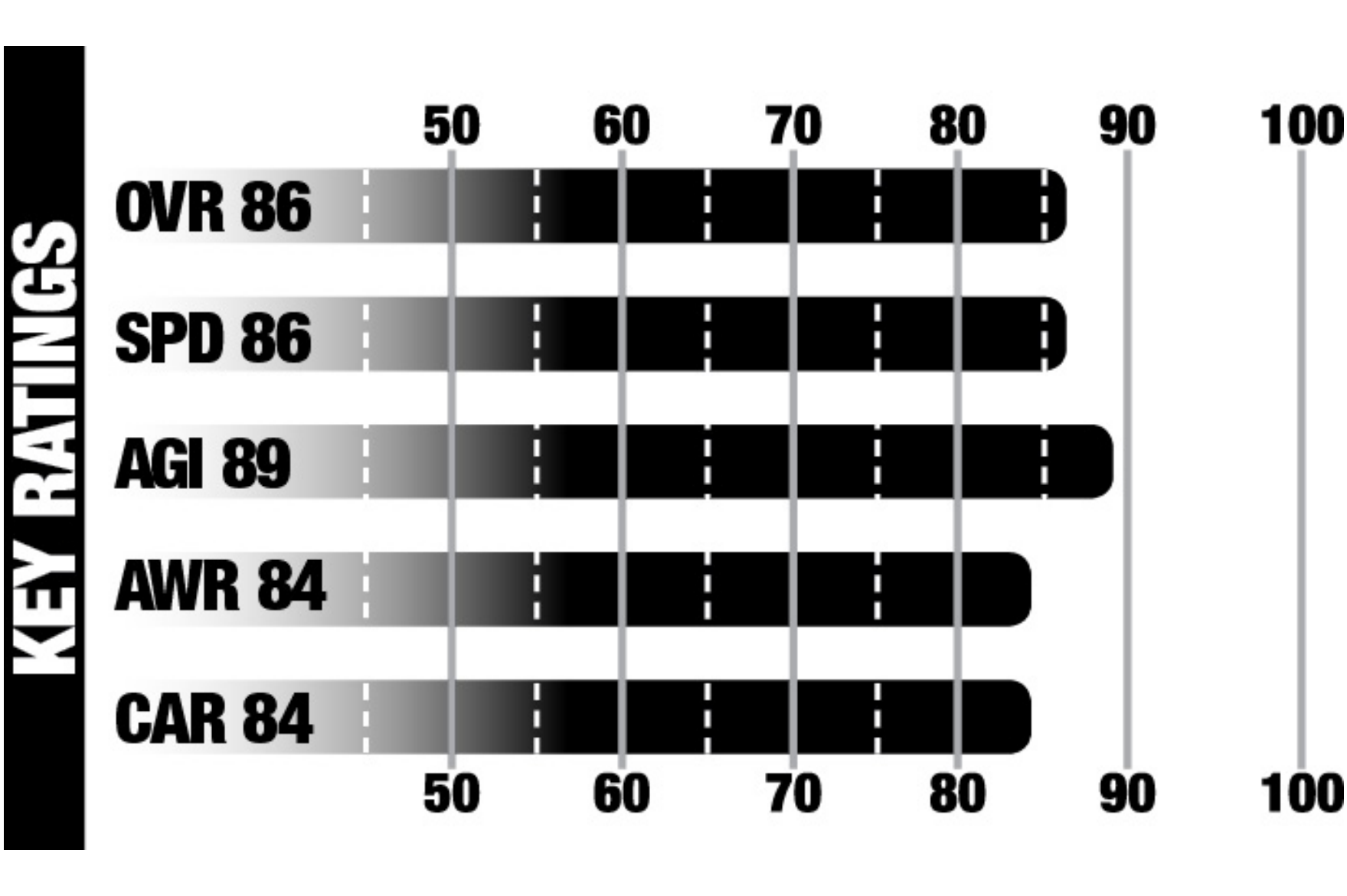
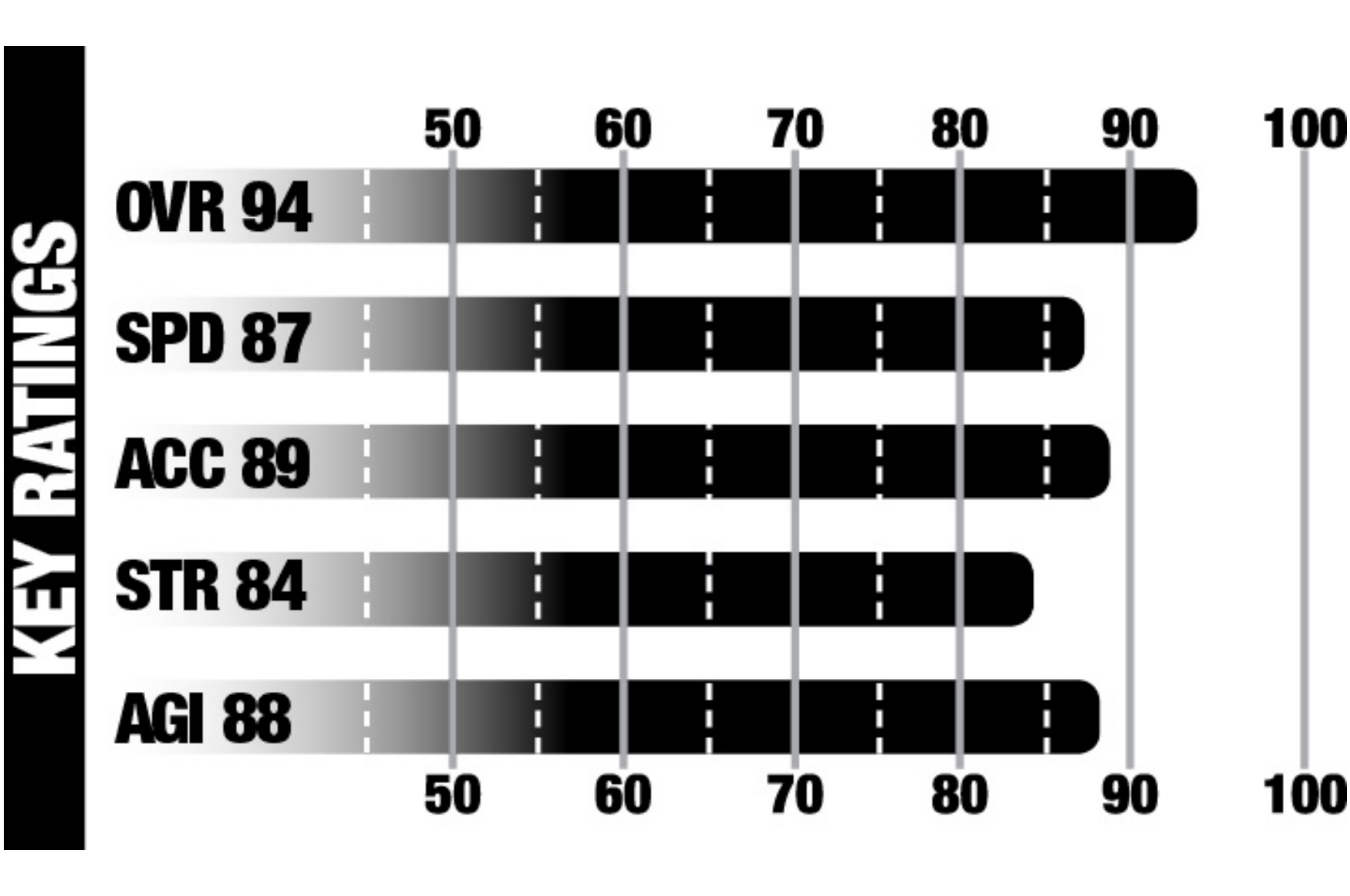
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER
MARCEL REECE #45
FB #45 HT 6'1" WT 250 COLLEGE Washington EXP 8



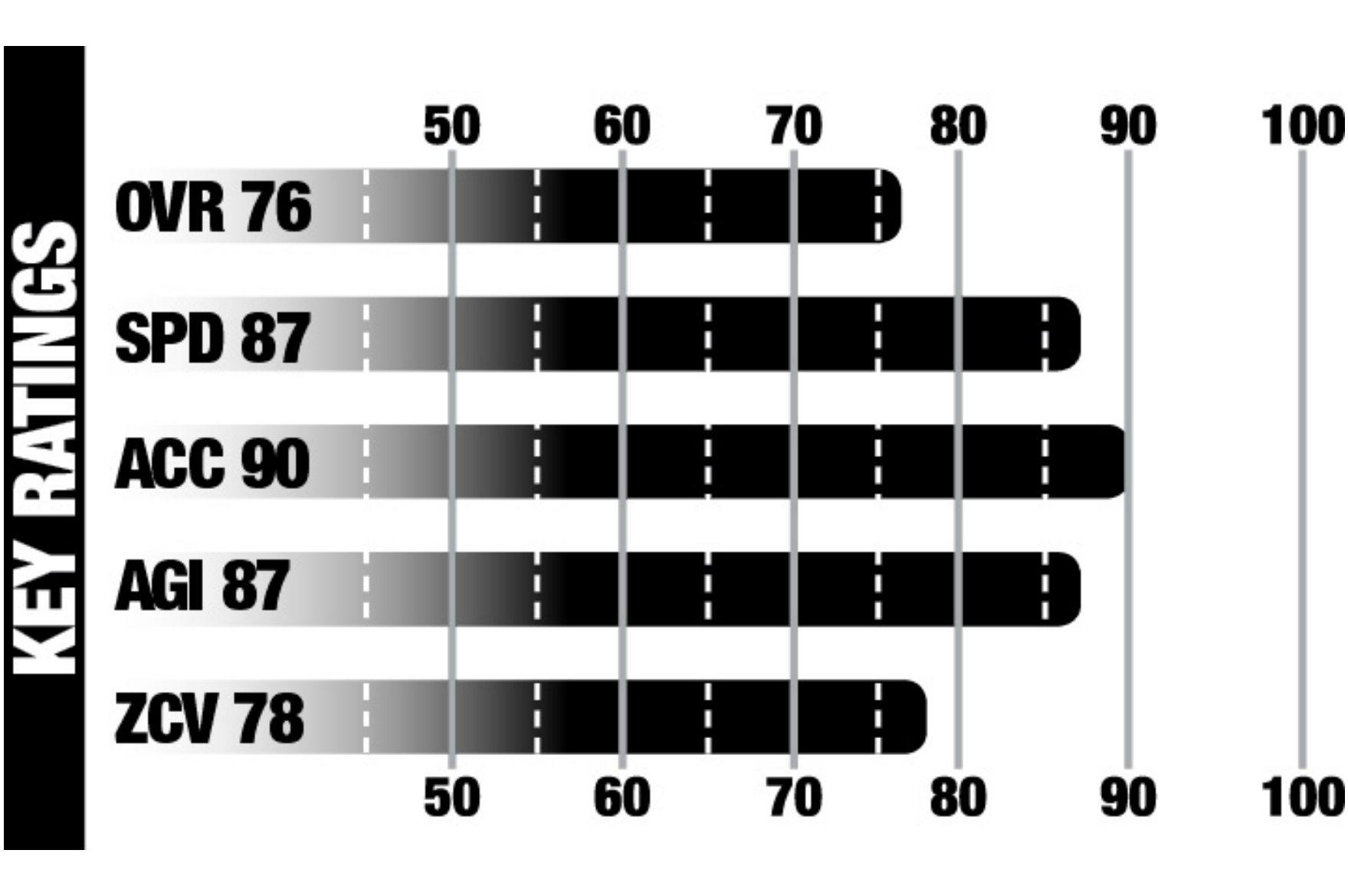
- The value you get from a player like Reece is up to the play caller. Don't forget to sub him in at TE and even HB; otherwise, trade him.
- Reece is like a Swiss army knife and has the skill set to do multiple jobs.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER
KHALIL MACK #52
LOLB #52 HT 6'3" WT 252 COLLEGE Buffalo EXP 2

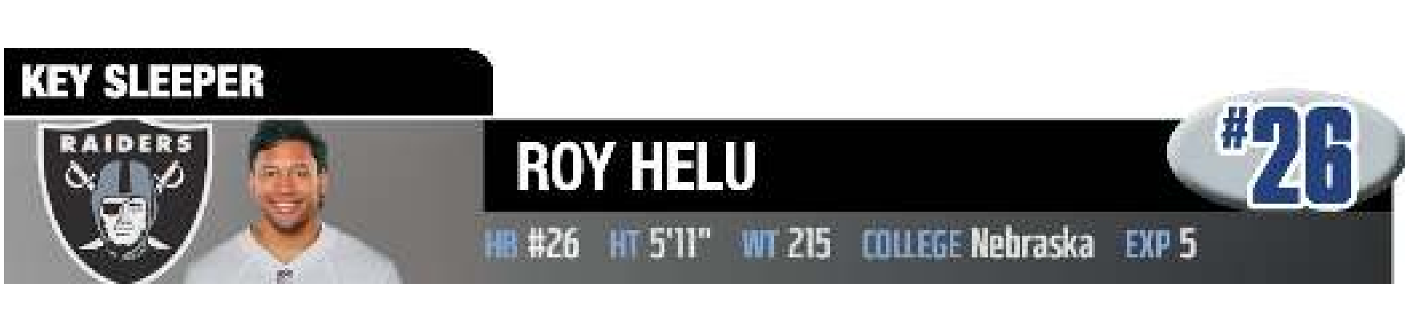


- Mack is an incredible talent that fits perfectly into the Raiders' scheme. Allow him to be the centerpiece of your defense.
- Keep working on the play recognition for Khalil Mack so teams won't be able to use his speed against him with play action.

KEY ROOKIE
KARL JOSEPH #42
SS #42 HT 5'10" WT 205 COLLEGE West Virginia EXP R



- After the loss of Charles Woodson, the Raiders need some help in the secondary and Joseph has the room to learn and be groomed as an ideal replacement.
- Joseph has the agility to keep up with any play calls or adjustments you make.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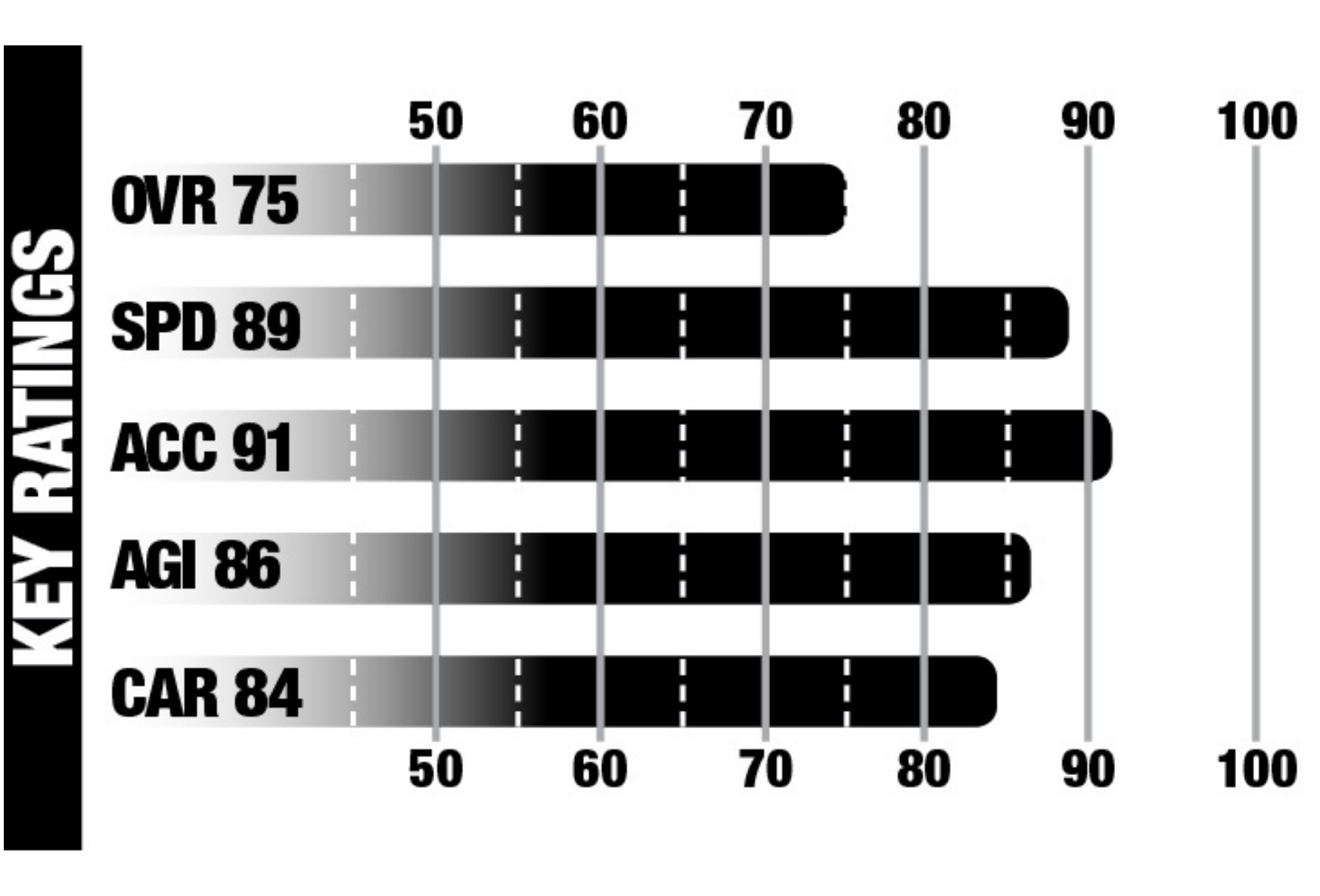
ROY HELU #26
HB #26 HT 5'11" WT 215 COLLEGE Nebraska EXP 5



- Spend more time upgrading Helu than Taiwan Jones at this stage. Helu can be a short-yardage option.
- Focus on upgrading Helu's Awareness rating. He has the talent to be a great back, but may need more training on what to do in tricky situations.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Derek	Carr	83
QB	Connor	Cook	72
QB	Matt	McGloin	64
HB	Latavius	Murray	81
HB	Roy	Helu	75
HB	Taiwan	Jones	73
HB	DeAndre	Washington	68
HB	George	Atkinson III	64
FB	Jamize	Olawale	79
FB	Marcel	Reece	86
WR	Amari	Cooper	83
WR	Michael	Crabtree	83
WR	Andre	Holmes	73
WR	Seth	Roberts	72
WR	Johnny	Holton	63
WR	Max	McCaffrey	63
WR	K.J.	Brent	62
WR	Nathan	Palmer	60
TE	Lee	Smith	75
TE	Mychal	Rivera	73
TE	Gabe	Holmes	60
TE	Colton	Underwood	60
TE	Jon	Condo	50
LT	Donald	Penn	87
LT	Matthew	McCants	71
LG	Gabe	Jackson	82
LG	Jon	Feliciano	64
LG	Denver	Kirkland	57
C	Rodney	Hudson	85
RG	Kelechi	Osemele	88
RG	Vadal	Alexander	66
RT	Austin	Howard	80
RT	Menelik	Watson	73

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Jihad	Ward	71
LE	Stacy	McGee	63
LE	James	Cowser	61
DT	Dan	Williams	88
DT	Justin	Ellis	71
DT	Leon	Orr	60
DT	Darius	Latham	58
RE	Mario	Edwards Jr.	78
RE	Damontre	Moore	69
RE	Denico	Autry	63
LOLB	Khalil	Mack	94
LOLB	Bruce	Irvin	81
LOLB	Neiron	Ball	65
LOLB	Kyrie	Wilson	60
MLB	Malcolm	Smith	71
MLB	Ben	Heeney	70
MLB	Daren	Bates	61
MLB	Cory	James	61
ROLB	Aldon	Smith	85
ROLB	Shilique	Calhoun	69
ROLB	John	Lotulelei	65
ROLB	Korey	Toomer	63
CB	Sean	Smith	88
CB	David	Amerson	84
CB	T.J.	Carrie	73
CB	D.J.	Hayden	70
CB	Neiko	Thorpe	68
CB	Keith	McGill	66
CB	Kenneth	Durden	61
CB	Dexter	McDonald	61
FS	Reggie	Nelson	87
FS	Chris	Hackett	63
SS	Nate	Allen	77
SS	Karl	Joseph	76
SS	Dewey	McDonald	65
SS	Brynden	Trawick	63
SS	Chris	Edwards	61

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Sebastian	Janikowski	79
K	Giorgio	Tavecchio	67
P	Marquette	King	82

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK DOUBLES – HB SLAM

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Ace Offset – Inside Zone	Gun Normal Offset Wk – Outside Zone	Gun Tackle Over – Inside Zone	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Ace Offset – Outside Zone	Gun Trey Open Offset – 5 6 Trap
Gun Normal Offset Wk – HB Power O	Gun Trey Open Offset – Inside Zone	Gun Trio Offset – Inside Zone	Goal Line – FB Dive	Gun Trey Open Offset – Outside Zone	Gun Wing Deep Offset – Outside Zone
Gun Wing Deep Offset Wk – Inside Zone Split	Gun Twin TE Flex Wk – Inside Zone	Gun Twin TE Flex Wk – HB Power	Goal Line – Power O	Gun Twin TE Flex Wk – Lead Read Opt	Singleback Ace Pair – HB Stretch

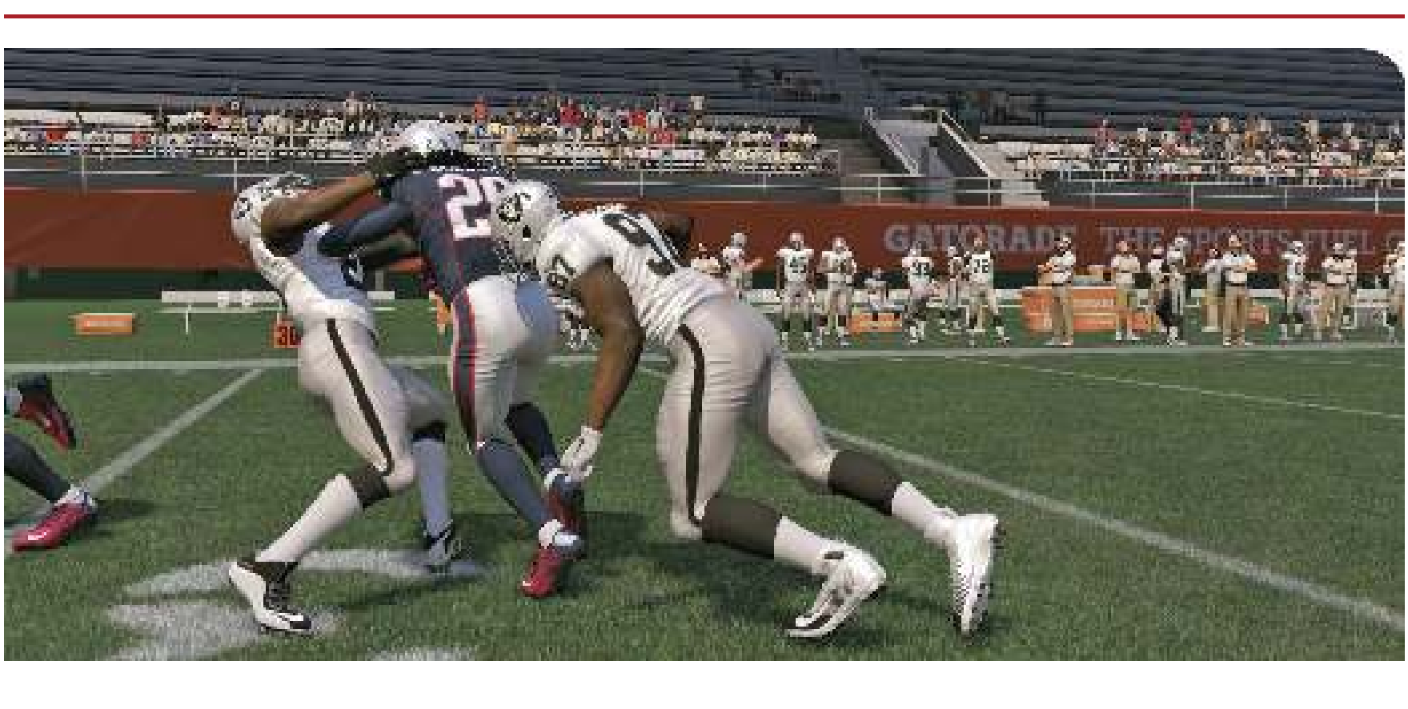
BEST PASS: GUN ACE TWINS OFFSET - POSTS

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Spread HB Wk – Corner Strike	Gun Ace Offset – Corner Strike	Gun Ace Twins Offset – PA FL Screen	Gun Ace Twins Offset – PA Post Shot	Gun Ace Twins Offset - Posts	Gun Ace Twins Offset – Stick
Gun Tight Slot Open – Stick Spacing	Gun Split Slot – PA F Slide	Gun Split Offset – Under	Gun Twin TE Flex Wk – Posts	Gun Normal Offset Wk – PA SE Screen	Gun Normal Wing TE – Four Verticals
Gun Tight Slot Open – Wheel Switch	Gun Tackle Over – PA Bubble	Gun Tackle Over – Sprintout Smash	Singleback Ace Pair – PA Y-Drag Wheel	Gun Normal Wing TE – Mtn HB Swing	Gun Split Offset - Shakes

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 34 ODD – PINCH BUCK 0



RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch	3-4 Under – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Bear – Pinch Mike 0	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel 2-4- 5 – Cover 2 Man	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Mike Blitz 0
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	3-4 Under – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel 2-4- 5 – Tampa 2	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Tampa 2

BEST PASS D: 34 ODD – COVER 4 DROP SHOW 2

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 2 Man	3-4 Even – Tampa 2	3-4 Bear – Cover 1 Hole	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 2 Sink	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 2 Man
34 Odd – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Even – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 3 Buzz

Los Angeles Rams

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

- Overall Team Rating: **79**
- Offense: **77**
- Defense: **83**
- Offensive Scheme: **Vertical Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 4-3**
- Strengths: **HB, LG, DT**
- Weaknesses: **QB, C, FS**

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

- 3rd NFC West (7-9-0)
- Passing Offense: **32nd**
- Rushing Offense: **7th**
- Passing Defense: **23rd**
- Rushing Defense: **20th**

2015 TEAM LEADERS

- Passing: **Nick Foles: 2,052**
- Rushing: **Todd Gurley: 1,106**
- Receiving: **Tavon Austin:473**
- Tackles: **Mark Barron: 116**
- Sacks: **Aaron Donald: 11**
- INTS: **Trumain Johnson: 7**

KEY ADDITIONS

- MLB Alec Ogletree
- LG Garrett Reynolds
- LE Quinton Coples

KEY ROOKIES

- QB Jared Goff
- TE Tyler Higbee
- TE Temarrick Hemingway

COACH

- Jeff Fisher
- Level: **18**
- Offensive Scheme: **Vertical Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 4-3**

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- In the wake of Nick Foles being traded to the Chiefs, be sure to groom your new talent, especially rookie Jared Goff, to secure the QB position this season and in the years ahead.
- The young combination of Tre Mason and Todd Gurley at HB will really take the pressure off the offense. Give the ball to the hot hand and go with Gurley for power and Mason for elusive moves.
- Don't let the speed and agility of WR Tavon Austin go to waste. Beyond special teams, Austin needs to have the ball in his hands once per half, even if you need to hand it to him.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Look for DE Chris Long to continue to build this season. Otherwise, keep focusing on building the youth on the defensive line. You have plenty of talent locked up long term with Robert Quinn and Aaron Donald.
- MLB Alec Ogletree is a solid defender in the middle of the defense, but look to build some depth behind him for the long term. There is a good amount of speed at the OLB positions that you can get creative with for a defensive scheme.
- The Rams' CBs are solid in man-to-man coverage, but the rest of your starters lean toward zone. This means the Cover 2 Sink might be a perfect scheme to try out against your opponents early in the game. E.J. Gaines and Lamarcus Joyner should be solid against most WRs.

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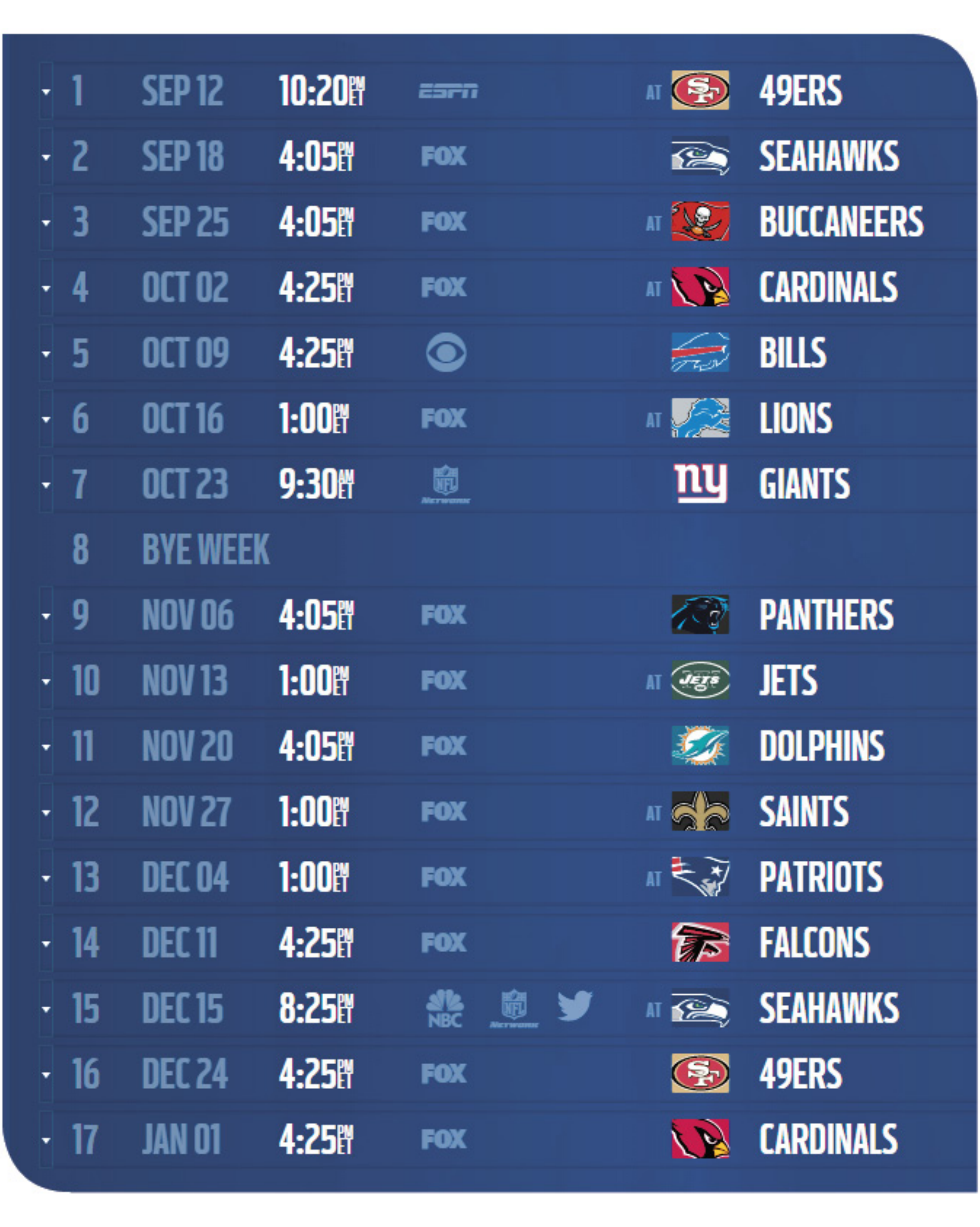

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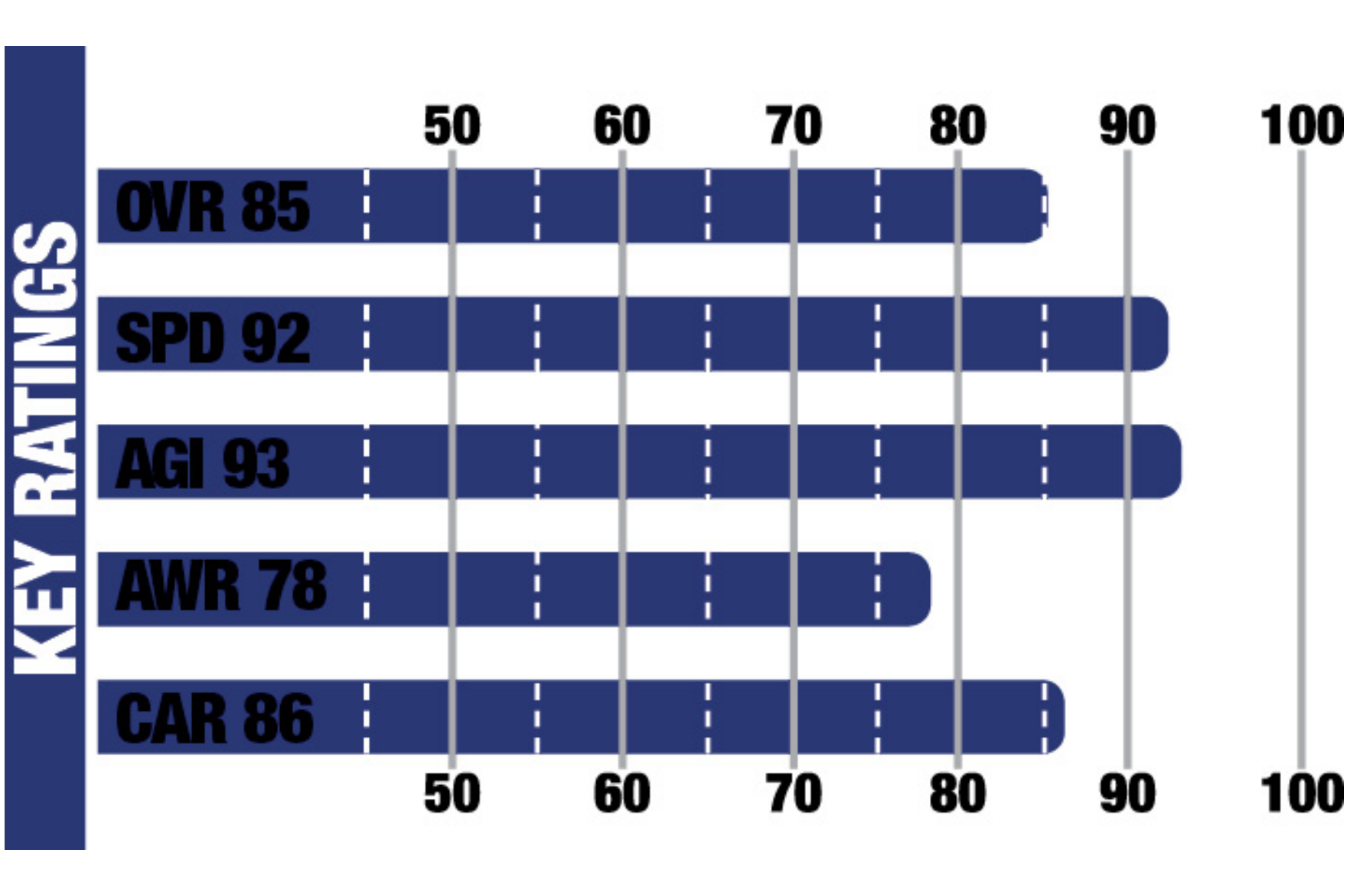
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

TODD GURLEY #30

HB #30 HT 6'1" WT 227 COLLEGE Georgia EXP 1

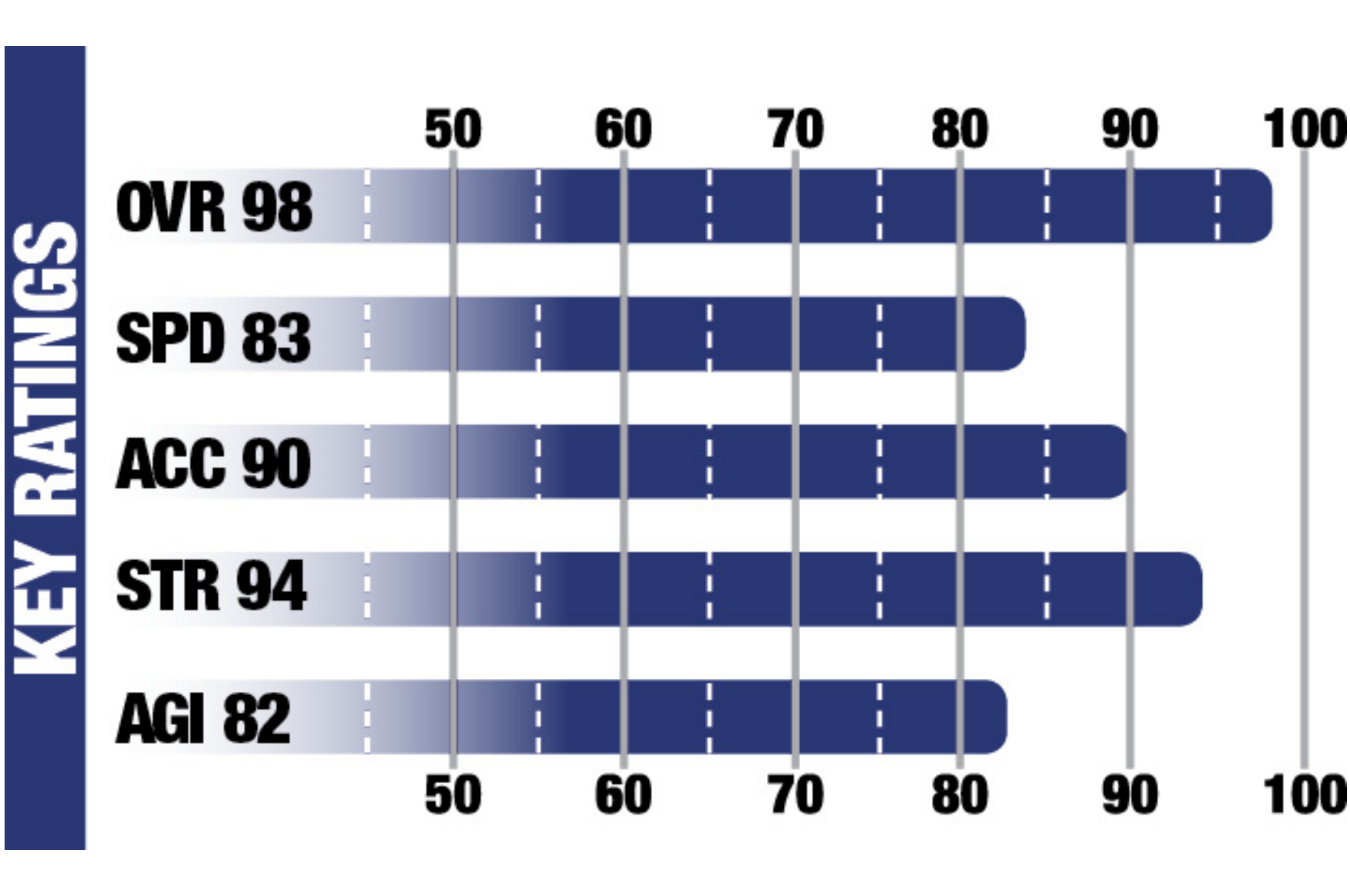


- Gurley had a great season last year and as long as you continue to grow his confidence, you can expect big things this season as well.
- Gurley should be your main back and play every down.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

AARON DONALD #99

DT #99 HT 6'1" WT 285 COLLEGE Pittsburgh EXP 2

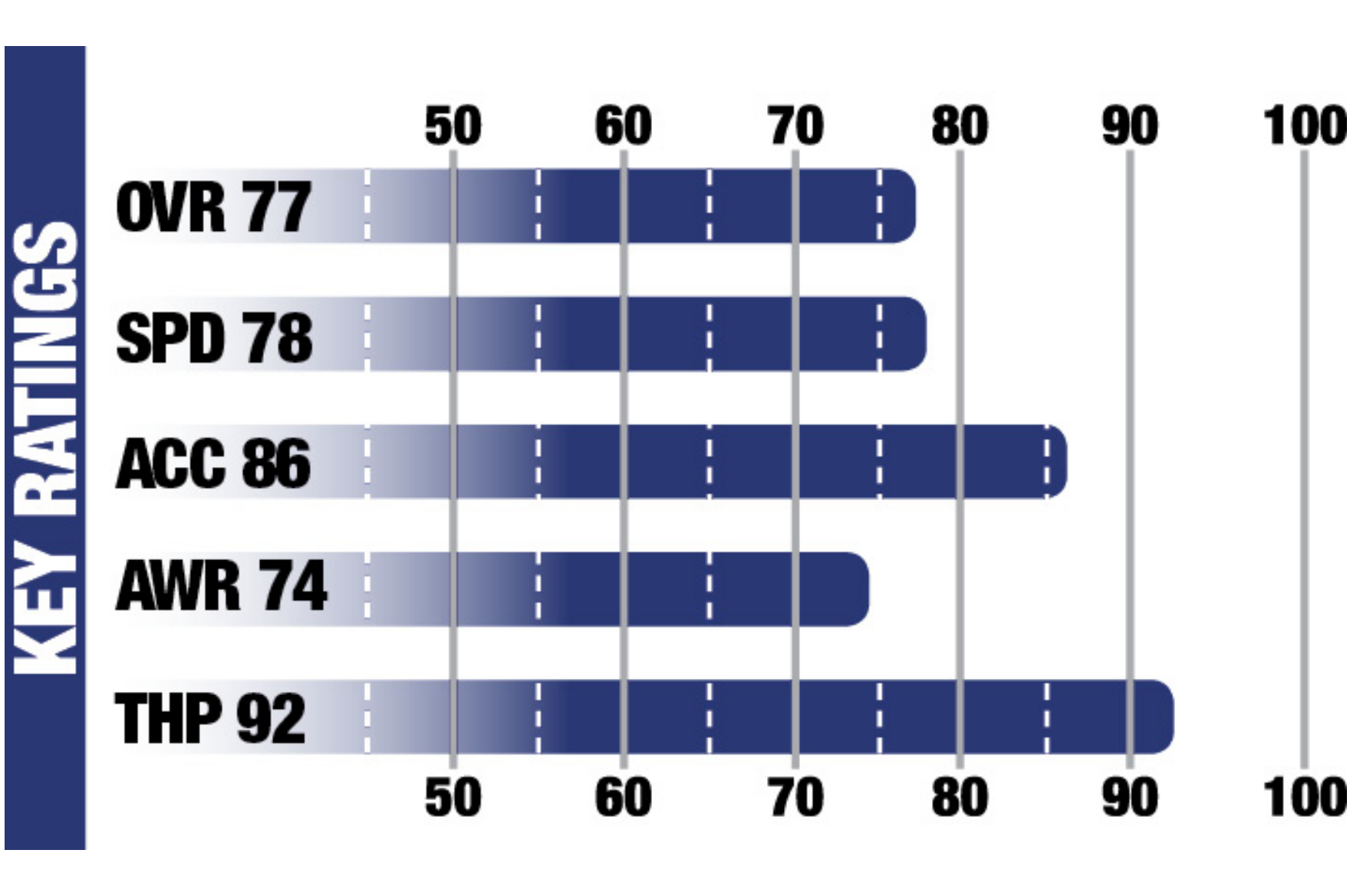


- Donald had an excellent rookie season. However, teams will be more aware of his presence in the lineup now.
- The depth of the defensive line is a real strength. Keep a rotation going to keep your players fresh.

KEY ROOKIE

JARED GOFF #16

QB #16 HT 6'4" WT 215 COLLEGE California EXP R

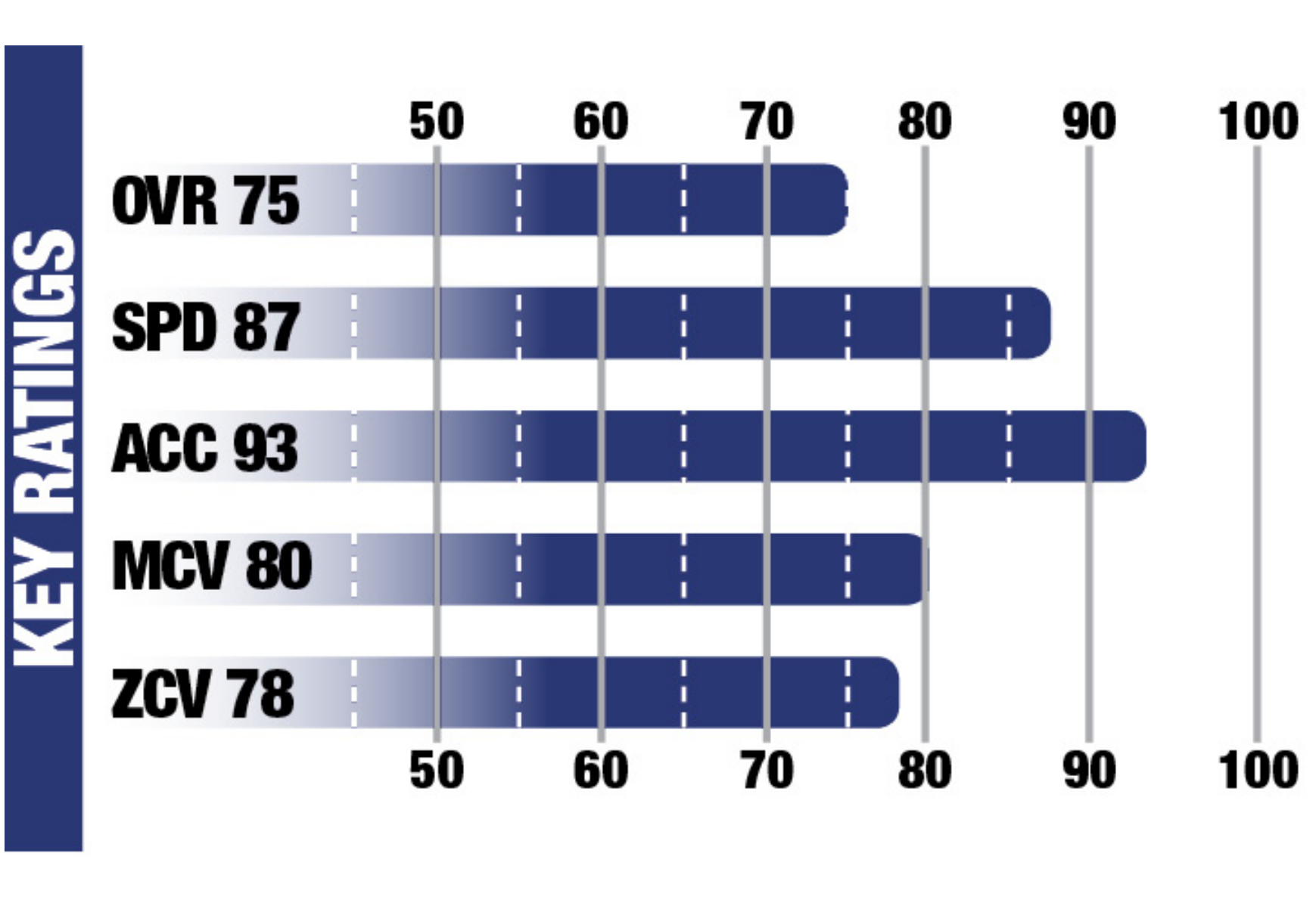


- Groom Goff as a possible replacement for Foles.
- Goff is a balanced QB. If you focus on his short game, there's plenty of room for him in your roster. Consider signing him for a long term contract soon.

KEY SLEEPER

LAMARCUS JOYNER #20

CB #20 HT 5'8" WT 184 COLLEGE Florida State EXP 2



- Joyner is the best option for man-to-man coverage in the secondary, so sub him in for Cover 0 blitzes.
- Mark Barron is the best run stopper in the secondary, but if his confidence slips, give Joyner a role on passing downs.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Jared	Goff	77
QB	Case	Keenum	75
QB	Sean	Mannion	63
QB	Dylan	Thompson	61
HB	Todd	Gurley II	85
HB	Tre	Mason	78
HB	Benny	Cunningham	73
HB	Terrence	Magee	69
HB	Chase	Reynolds	67
HB	Malcolm	Brown	66
FB	Cory	Harkey	80
WR	Tavon	Austin	80
WR	Kenny	Britt	80
WR	Brian	Quick	74
WR	Deon	Long	64
WR	Pharoh	Cooper	63
WR	Bradley	Marquez	63
WR	Marquez	North	63
WR	Mike	Thomas	63
WR	Paul	McRoberts	62
TE	Lance	Kendricks	75
TE	Tyler	Higbee	70
TE	Justice	Cunningham	69
TE	Temarrick	Hemingway	63
TE	Jake	McQuaide	52
LT	Greg	Robinson	77
LT	Darrell	Williams	65
LG	Garrett	Reynolds	78
LG	Rodger	Saffold III	73
LG	David	Arkin	63
C	Tim	Barnes	69
C	Brian	Folkerts	67
C	Eric	Kush	66
C	Demetrius	Rhaney	62
RG	Jamon	Brown	68
RG	Andrew	Donnal	64
RG	Cody	Wichmann	64
RT	Rob	Havenstein	72
RT	Isaiah	Battle	68

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	William	Hayes	85
LE	Quinton	Coples	76
LE	Cam	Thomas	66
DT	Aaron	Donald	98
DT	Michael	Brockers	79
DT	Dominique	Easley	74
DT	Ethan	Westbrooks	66
DT	Louis	Trinca-Pasat	58
RE	Robert	Quinn	89
RE	Eugene	Sims	69
RE	Matt	Longacre	63
LOLB	Mark	Barron	74
LOLB	Josh	Forrest	63
LOLB	Cameron	Lynch	60
MLB	Alec	Ogletree	79
MLB	Brandon	Chubb	60
MLB	Bryce	Hager	60
ROLB	Akeem	Ayers	77
ROLB	Ian	Seau	59
CB	Trumaine	Johnson	80
CB	E.J.	Gaines	79
CB	Lamarcus	Joyner	75
CB	Coty	Sensabaugh	71
CB	Marcus	Roberson	70
CB	Troy	Hill	60
CB	Mike	Jordan	59
FS	Cody	Davis	68
FS	Jordan	Lomax	60
SS	T.J.	McDonald Jr.	83
SS	Maurice	Alexander	69
SS	Christian	Bryant	64

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Greg	Zuerlein	78
K	Taylor	Bertolet	65
P	Johnny	Hekker	82

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK ACE – HB DIVE

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Big – HB Dive	Gun Y-Trips Offset – HB Dive	Singleback Big – Fk Quick HB Dive	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Tight – Inside Zone	Gun Trey Open Offset – Wide Trap
Singleback Big – Rams HB Zone	Gun Tight – 01 Trap	Singleback Big – HB Blast	Goal Line – HB Toss	Weak I Tight Twins – HB Counter	Singleback Big – WR Quick
Gun Bunch Wk – HB Sweep	Singleback Big – HB Toss Strg	Strong I Twins Over – Inside Zone Split	Goal Line – FB Dive	Gun Trey Open Offset – Inside Zone	Strong I Twins Over – Power O

BEST PASS: GUN WING TRIPS WK

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Tight – Spot Corner	Gun U-Trips Wk – PA Rams Cross	Gun Y-Trips Offset – PA WR Screen	Gun Y-Trips Offset – PA Zone Shot	Gun Split Flex – WR Corners	Gun U-Trips Wk – Verticals
Pistol Wing Trio – PA Boot Rt	Gun Trey Open – PA Read	Gun Tight – Spot Shake	Pistol Wing Trio – Verticals	Gun U-Trips Wk – Rams Crosses	Gun Normal Offset Wk – Orbit Bubble Screen
Gun Normal Offset Wk – Strike HB Seam	Gun Y-Trips Offset – PA Y Pop Bubble	Gun Tight – Mesh	Gun Tight – PA Seams Shot	Gun U-Trips Wk – Slot Out	Gun U-Trips Wk – TE Deep Option

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 4-3 OVER PLUS COVER 3 MATCH

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	46 Bear Under – Gap Press	Goal Line 5-4-2 – Blitz C	Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Sky	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	46 Bear Under – LB Dogs	Goal Line 5-4-2 Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky Press

BEST PASS D: 3-2-6 DOLLAR – COVER 3 MATCH

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Mike Will Blitz	46 Bear Under – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Overload 3 Seam 2	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 2 Man LB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Man	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky	46 Bear Under – Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	Nickel Wide 9 – Tampa 2 Contain	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 3 Sky Press

Teams

Baltimore Ravens

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

- Overall Team Rating: **83**
- Offense: **83**
- Defense: **83**
- Offensive Scheme: **West Coast**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 3-4**
- Strengths: **LG, WR, FS**
- Weaknesses: **RT, RE, SS**

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

- 3rd AFC North (5-11-0)
- Passing Offense: **8th**
- Rushing Offense: **26th**
- Passing Defense: **10th**
- Rushing Defense: **12th**

2015 TEAM LEADERS

- Passing: **Joe Flacco: 2,791**
- Rushing: **Justin Forsett: 641**
- Receiving: **Kamar Aiken: 944**
- Tackles: **Daryl Smith: 121**
- Sacks: **Elvis Dumervil: 6**
- INTS: **Jimmy Smith: 3**

KEY ADDITIONS

- FS Eric Weddle
- TE Benjamin Watson
- WR Mike Wallace

KEY ROOKIES

- LT Ronnie Stanley
- HB Kenneth Dixon
- LOLB Kamalei Correa

COACH

- John Harbaugh
- Level: **24**
- Offensive Scheme: **West Coast**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 3-4**

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Expect nothing less than another solid season from QB Joe Flacco, where he will look to build on his touchdown/interception ratio. The Ravens' offensive line should give Flacco plenty of time to look downfield this year.
- HB Justin Forsett proved that he deserves not only the starting spot in Baltimore, but also a new contract. Even if Forsett can repeat his success, start building some more options at the backup spot.
- WR Steve Smith showed he still had some gas left in the tank with another solid season. Develop some young talent at the receiving corps to replace the veteran in a few seasons.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Finding a solid player like Brandon Williams at DT allowed the Ravens to get younger and save money on veterans. The youth on the team is excellent and talented, so keep developing Williams.
- The Ravens have had some fresh talent injected in their LB corps over the last few seasons. Keep getting whatever is left from Terrell Suggs, but never bet against him.
- Jimmy Smith is a physical press corner who can excel in any scheme. On the other side, Lardarius Webb is a good man-to-man CB who lacks the ability to play all-out press coverage. Note your matchups and keep Smith lined up against any star wideouts.

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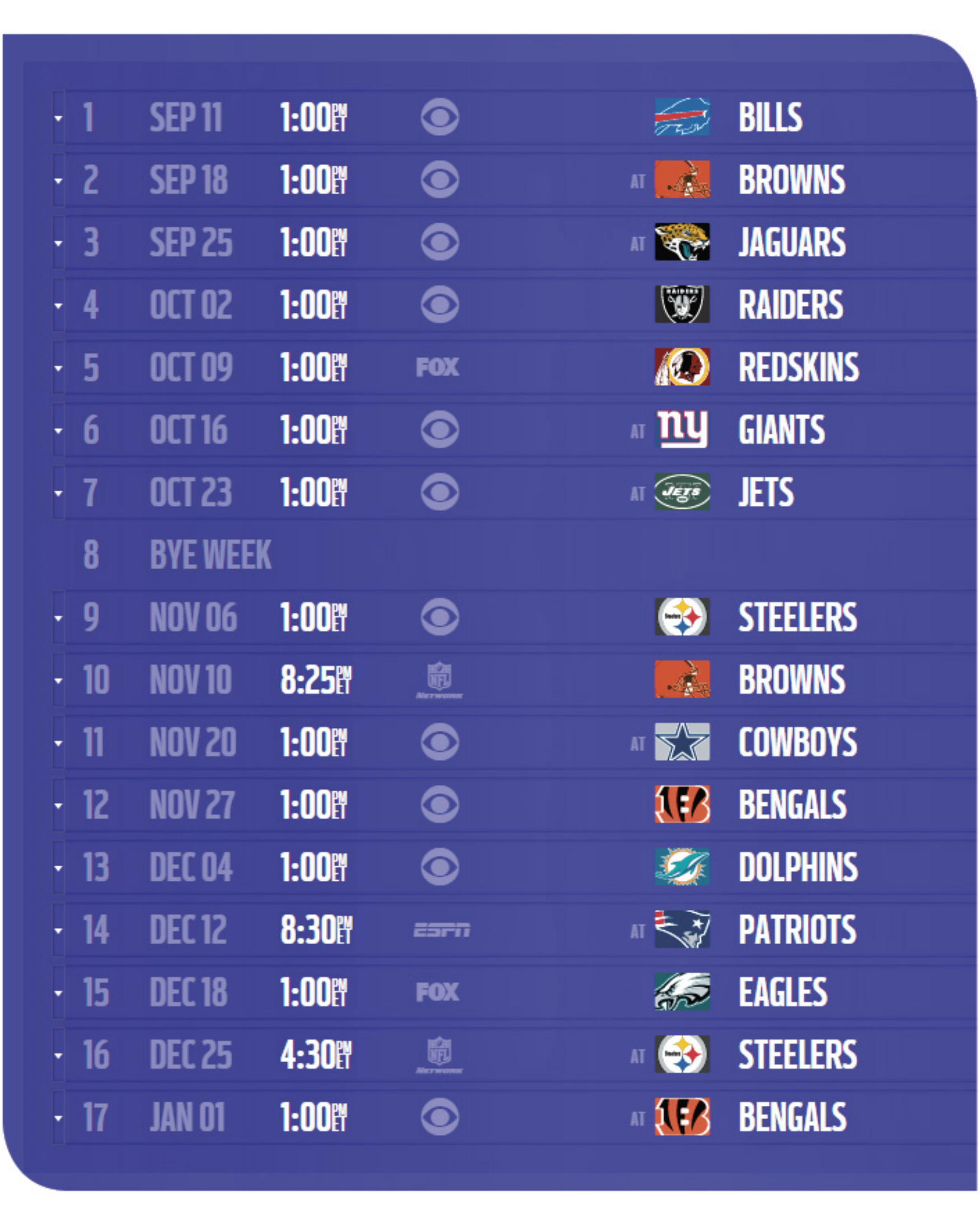

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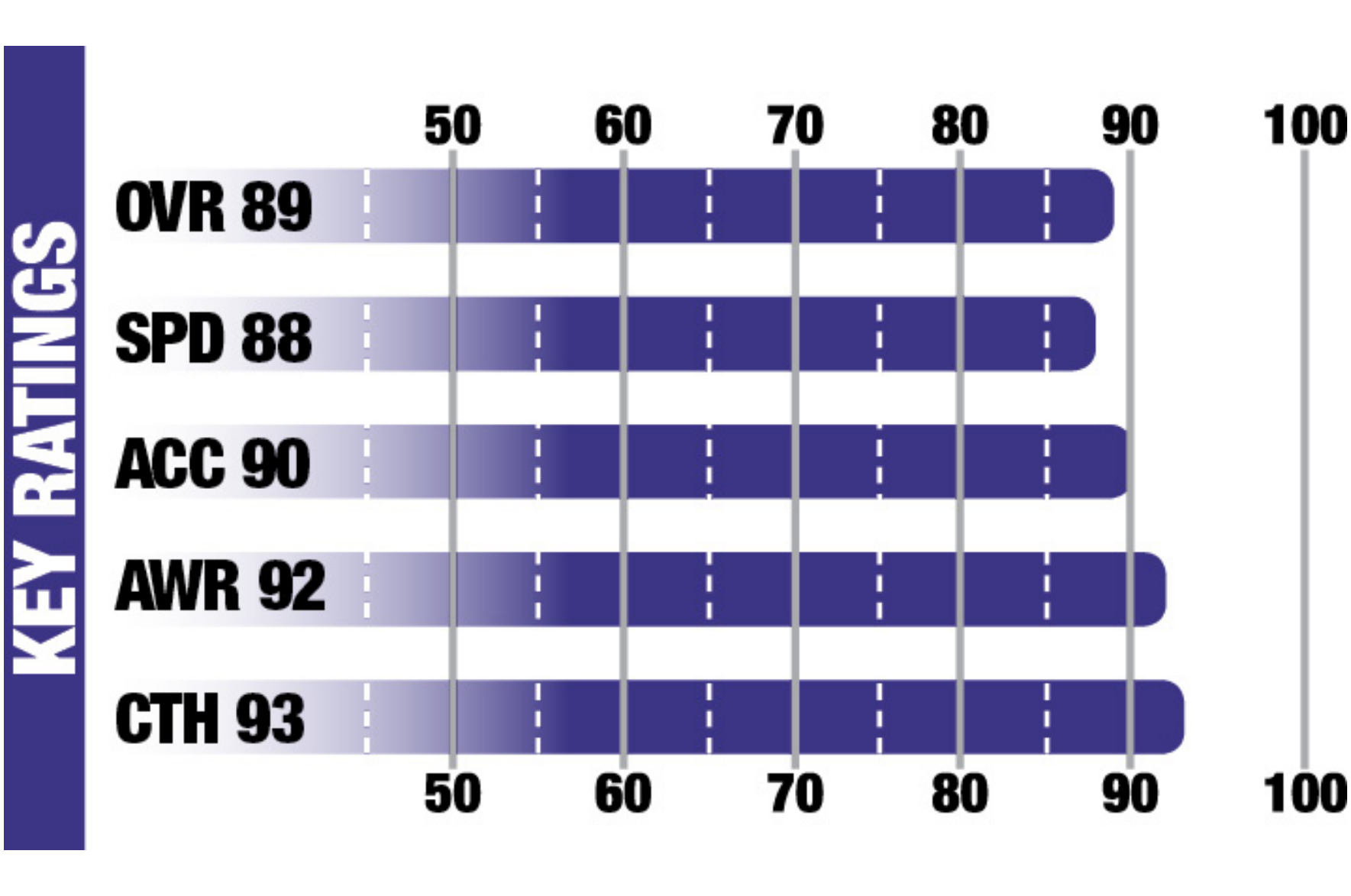
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

STEVE SMITH SR. #89

WR #89 HT 5'9" WT 195 COLLEGE Utah EXP 15

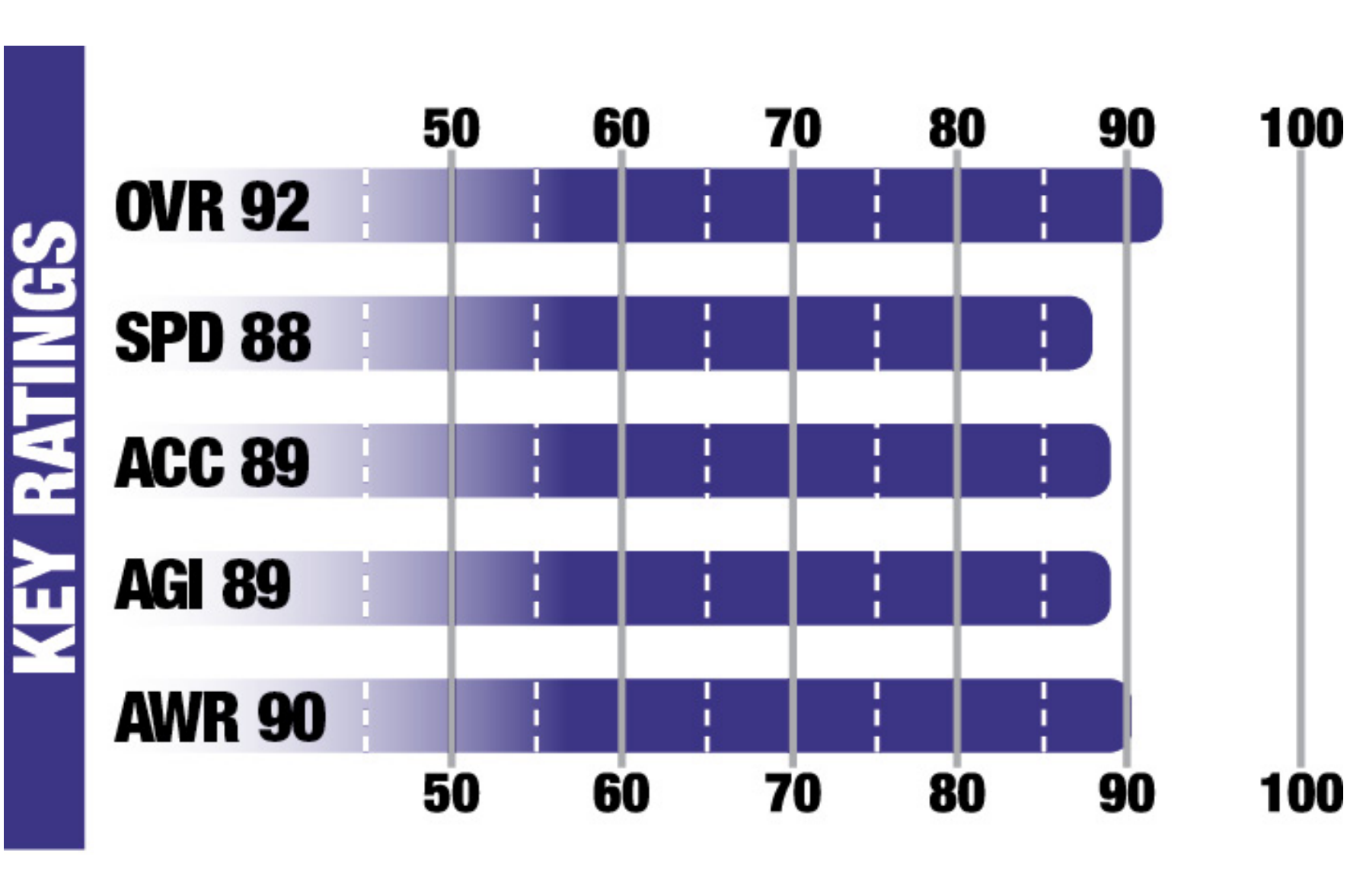


- Smith has an excellent receiving record and continues to grow his confidence by increasing this record.
- Use everything you can with Steve Smith this year because there's no telling how long he will stay in the league.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

ERIC WEDDLE #32

FS #32 HT 5'11" WT 200 COLLEGE Utah EXP 9

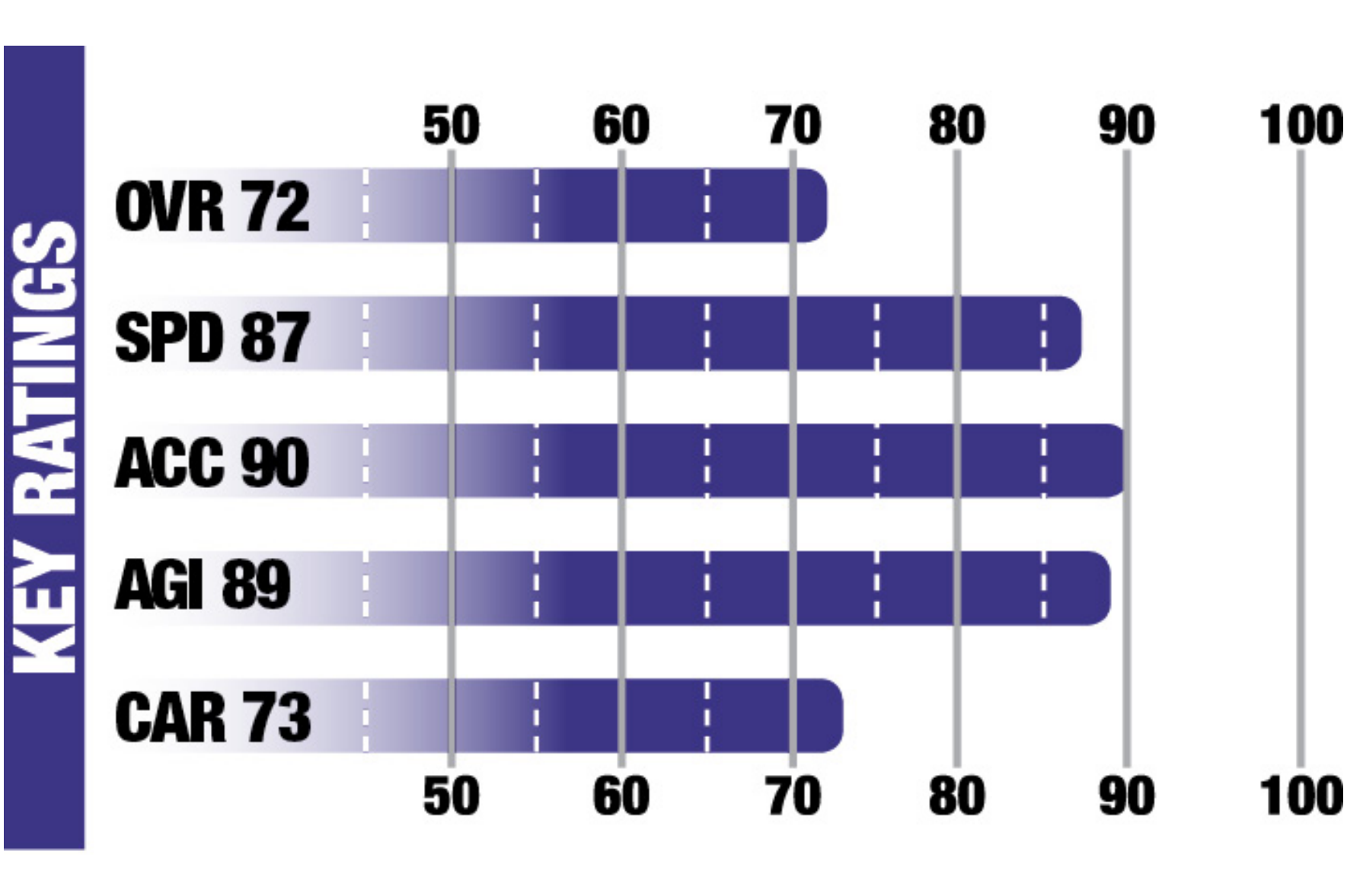


- Weddle's zone coverage makes him a super power on the field, giving him a great advantage against most offenses.
- Weddle is quick and can see the field better than most. It's best to let the CPU play Weddle and take over the defense.

KEY ROOKIE

KENNETH DIXON #30

HB #30 HT 5'10" WT 215 COLLEGE LA. Tech EXP R

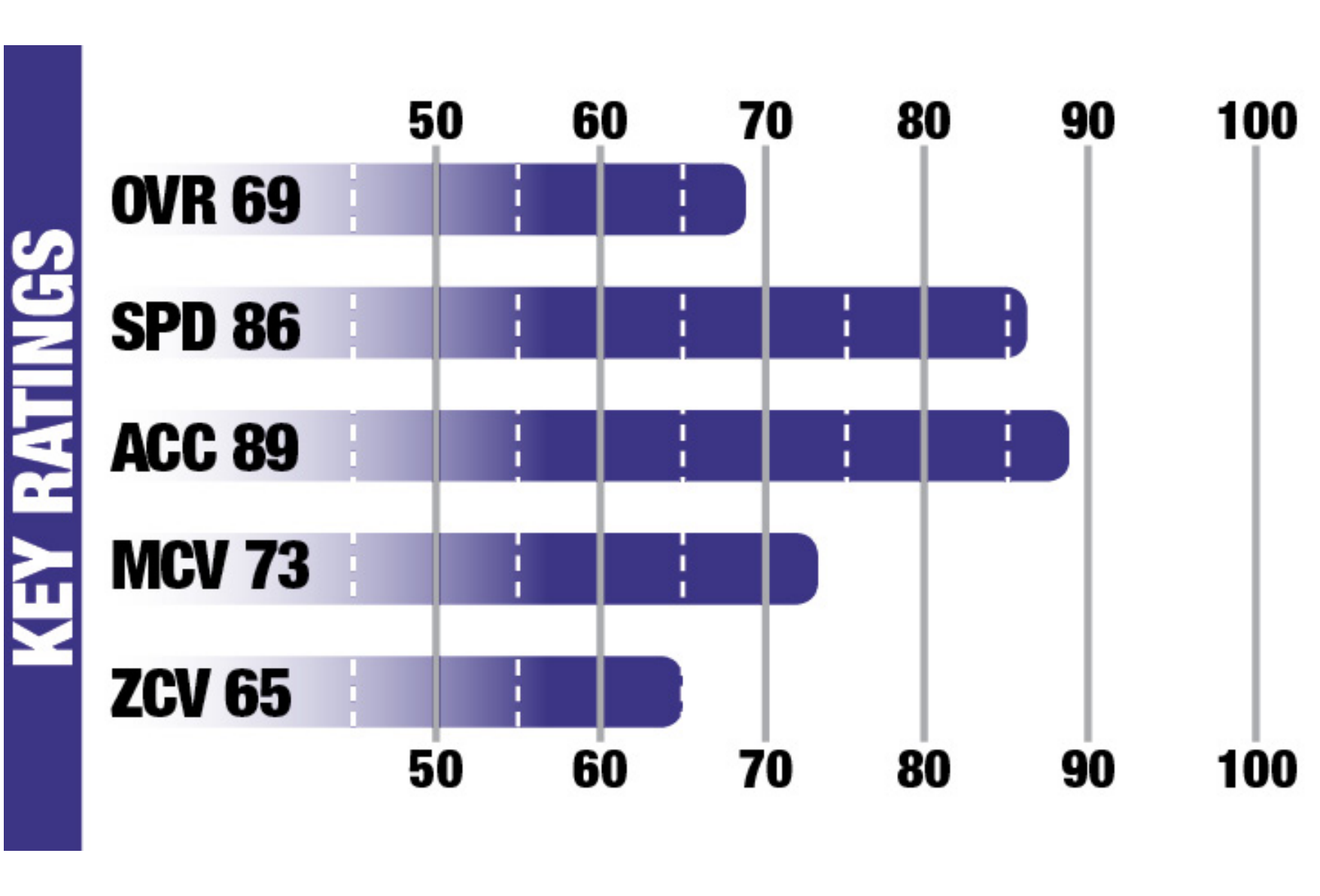


- Continue to work on Dixon's Carry rating. Boosting this number will ensure he is a solid option in critcal situations.
- Take control of Dixon and use the new ball-carrier mechanic. His agility can get you points in the red zone.

KEY SLEEPER

MATT ELAM #26

SS #26 HT 5'10" WT 200 COLLEGE Florida EXP 3



- There's always a place in the lineup for 90 Hit Power, even if it means special teams.
- Elam looked to be a promising talent, so don't give up on him even if means you must user-control him.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Joe	Flacco	81
QB	Ryan	Mallett	67
QB	Josh	Johnson	65
QB	Jerrod	Johnson	59
HB	Justin	Forsett	82
HB	Javorius	Allen	74
HB	Trent	Richardson	73
HB	Lorenzo	Taliaferro	73
HB	Terrance	West	73
HB	Kenneth	Dixon	72
HB	Keenan	Reynolds	62
FB	Kyle	Juszczyk	83
WR	Steve	Smith Sr.	89
WR	Kamar	Aiken	78
WR	Mike	Wallace	77
WR	Breshad	Perriman	70
WR	Michael	Campanaro	68
WR	Chris	Matthews	68
WR	Chris	Moore	65
WR	Darren	Waller	65
WR	Daniel	Brown	61
WR	Kaelin	Clay	58
TE	Dennis	Pitta	81
TE	Benjamin	Watson	81
TE	Crockett	Gillmore	78
TE	Maxx	Williams	78
TE	Nick	Boyle	76
TE	Morgan	Cox	49
LT	Ronnie	Stanley	79
LT	Stephane	Nembot	59
LG	John	Urschel	70
LG	James	Hurst	66
C	Jeremy	Zuttah	81
C	Ryan	Jensen	69
RG	Marshal	Yanda	97
RG	Vladimir	Ducasse	74
RT	Rick	Wagner	71
RT	Alex	Lewis	69
RT	De'Ondre	Wesley	66

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

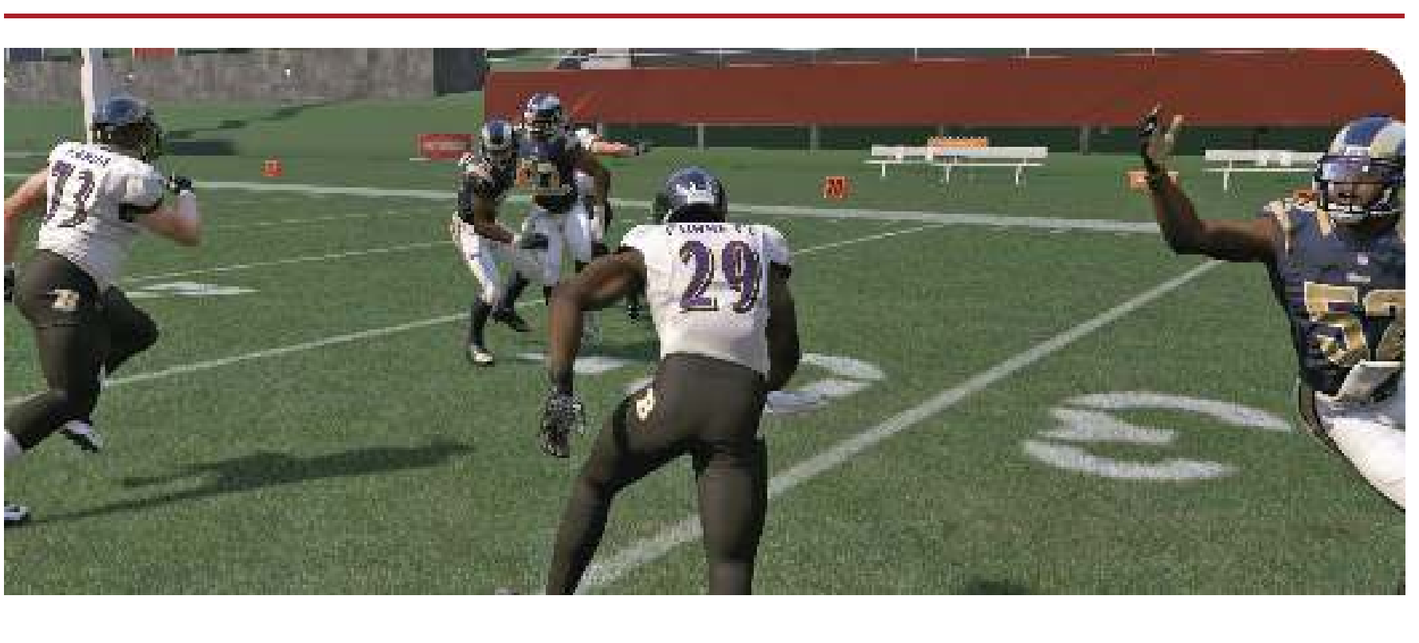
POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Timmy	Jernigan	76
LE	Kapron	Lewis-Moore	60
DT	Brandon	Williams	84
DT	Willie	Henry	68
DT	Carl	Davis	66
RE	Lawrence	Guy	71
RE	Bronson	Kaufusi	69
RE	Brent	Urban	64
LOLB	Elvis	Dumervil	87
LOLB	Kamalei	Correa	72
LOLB	Chris	Carter	67
MLB	Arthur	Brown	72
MLB	Albert	McClellan	70
MLB	Zachary	Orr	65
ROLB	Terrell	Suggs	90
ROLB	Matt	Judon	67
ROLB	Za'Darius	Smith	65
ROLB	Victor	Ochi	61
CB	Jimmy	Smith	80
CB	Lardarius	Webb	79
CB	Jerraud	Powers	76
CB	Kyle	Arrington	74
CB	Will	Davis	73
CB	Shareece	Wright	72
CB	Jumal	Rolle	67
CB	Tavon	Young	67
FS	Eric	Weddle	92
FS	Kendrick	Lewis	79
FS	Terrence	Brooks	72
SS	Matt	Elam	69
SS	Maurice	Canady	65

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Justin	Tucker	83
P	Sam	Koch	84

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK Y – TRIPS TE SLOT – HB STRETCH



RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I Form Close – Zone Weak	Singleback Bunch Ace – Inside Zone	Strong Tight – FB Dive	I Form Twin TE – FB Dive	Gun Flip Trips Raven – Wide Trap	Gun Bunch Wk – HB Sweep
Singleback Trio – HB Dive	Singleback Bunch Ace – Quick Pitch	I Form Close – HB Sweep	Strong Tight – Power O	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – 5 6 Trap	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – HB Counter
Gun Flip Trips Raven – Inside Zone	Strong Tight – HB Dive	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – Inside Zone	Strong Tight – HB Toss	Singleback Trio – HB Stretch	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – Outside Zone

BEST PASS: SINGLEBACK Y-TRIPS TE SLOT – Y-TRAIL

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Trio – Smash Texas	Singleback Bunch Ace – PA Boot Slide	Singleback Trio – Slot Chase	Singleback Bunch Ace – PA Fork Shot	Singleback Tight Doubles – Close Cross	Singleback Y Trips TE Slot – Y Trail
Gun Flip Trips Raven – Y Cross Post	Singleback Trio – Bubble Screen	Strong Pro – PA Scissors	Singleback Trio – PA Solid Corner	Gun Flip Trips Raven – PA Read	Gun Flip Trips Raven – Middle Hi Lo
Singleback Bunch Ace – Z Spot	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – HB Angle	Singleback Tight Doubles – Drag In	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – PA Crossers	Gun Y Trips Open – WR Fork	Gun Trips Y Flex Tight – Verticals

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: NICKEL 2-4-5 – COVER 2 BUSTER

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Odd – Pinch Buck 0	34 Bear – Engage Eight	44 Split – LB Fire	34 Odd – Cover 4 Mike	Nickel 335 – Nickel LB Blitz
34 Odd – Cross 3 Fire	34 Bear – Pinch Mike 0	34 Bear – Buck SS 3	44 Split – Engage Eight	34 Odd - Pinch Dog 2 Pess	Nickel 245 – Silver Shoot Pinch

BEST PASS D: 34 ODD – PINCH BUCK 0

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Nickel 245 - Cover 2 Buster	Nickel 335 – Loop Crash 2	34 Odd – Cover 4 Drop Show 2	34 Bear – Cover 2 Invert	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 2 Man	Big Dime 2-3- 6 – Prowl Slant 3 Seam
Nickel 245 – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel 335 – Cover 4 Drop	Nickel 335 – 3 Overload Fire Press	34 Bear – Cover 1 Hole	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 3 Match	Nickel 335 – Cover 2 Man

Teams

Washington Redskins

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

- Overall Team Rating: **80**
- Offense: **81**
- Defense: **83**
- Offensive Scheme: **West Coast**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 3-4**
- Strengths: **LT, TE, LOLB**
- Weaknesses: **RT, FB, MLB**

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

- 1st NFC East (9-7-0)
- Passing Offense: **11th**
- Rushing Offense: **20th**
- Passing Defense: **25th**
- Rushing Defense: **26th**

2015 TEAM LEADERS

- Passing: **Kirk Cousins: 4,166**
- Rushing: **Alfred Morris: 751**
- Receiving: **Jordan Reed: 952**
- Tackles: **Dashon Goldson: 110**
- Sacks: **Ryan Kerrigan: 9.5**
- INTS: **Bashaud Breeland: 2**

KEY ADDITIONS

- CB Josh Norman
- FS DeAngelo Hall
- LE Chis Baker

KEY ROOKIES

- WR Josh Doctson
- SS Su'a Cravens
- CB Kendall Fuller

COACH

- Jay Gruden
- Level: **7**
- Offensive Scheme: **West Coast**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 3-4**

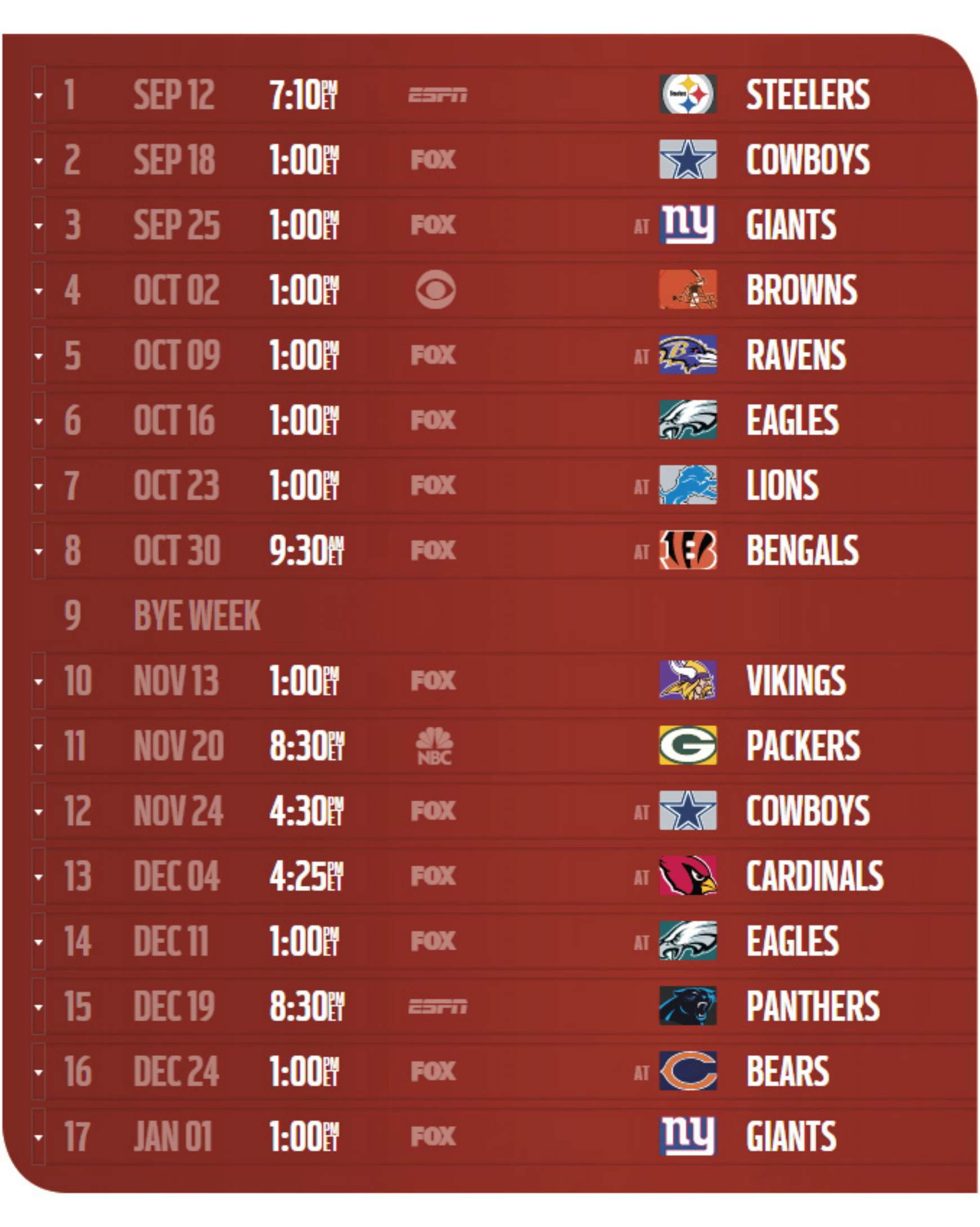
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- With the release of QB Robert Griffin III, the Redskins are looking to fully involve Kirk Cousins. The scheme should allow him to make the easy throws and boost his confidence. While he isn't the Redskins' first pick over what was once the promising RGIII, he did extremely well last season and looks good for this year.
- Don't forget about HB Keith Marshall, who is an excellent all-around player. The more you can get him on the field in those pistol sets, the better.
- The Redskins' receiving corps is still one of the fastest in the league, but make sure to round it out with some size via the draft.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Redskins transformed their defensive line and this squad seems to be pretty solid now. They should now be able to shut down the run without sending much help.
- LB Ryan Kerrigan has control of the defense for the Redskins and has the experience to keep them in top shape. Lock him up for the long term, because you can't live without his 91 Power Moves rating.
- The Redskins' secondary is average, but has a real chance to develop into a solid man-coverage unit with the addition of CB Josh Norman. Start to develop the young talent, even if they take some bumps early.

SCHEDULE



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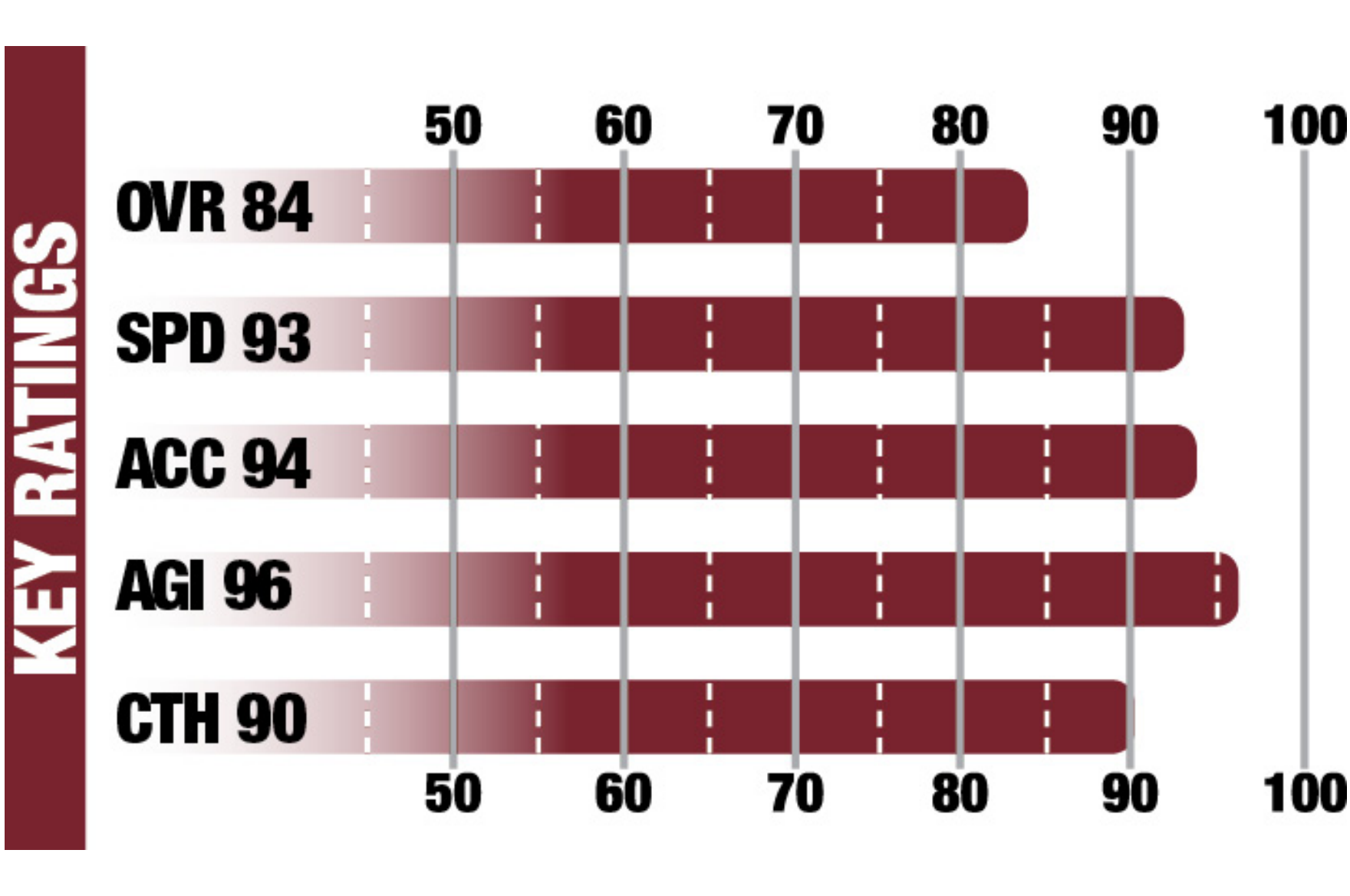
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

DESEAN JACKSON #11

WR #11 HT 5'10" WT 175 COLLEGE California EXP 8

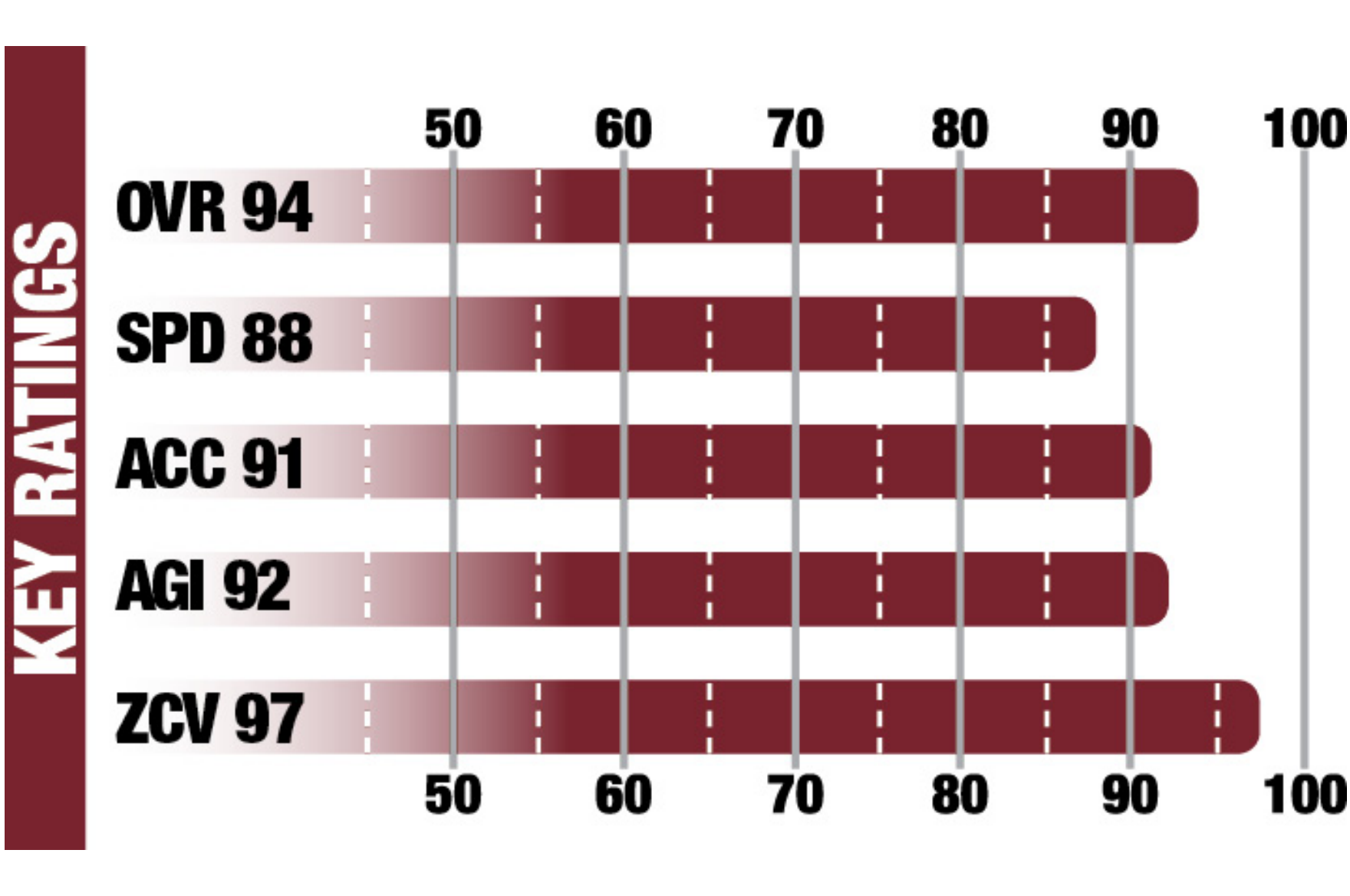


- DeSean's experience in the league will give him the advantage against most corners, not to mention his completion record is extremely high.
- Jackson may not have the size to take on most one to one matches, but his Speed rating will manage to beat most CBs on the run.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

JOSH NORMAN #24

CB #24 HT 6'0" WT 200 COLLEGE Coastal Carolina EXP 4

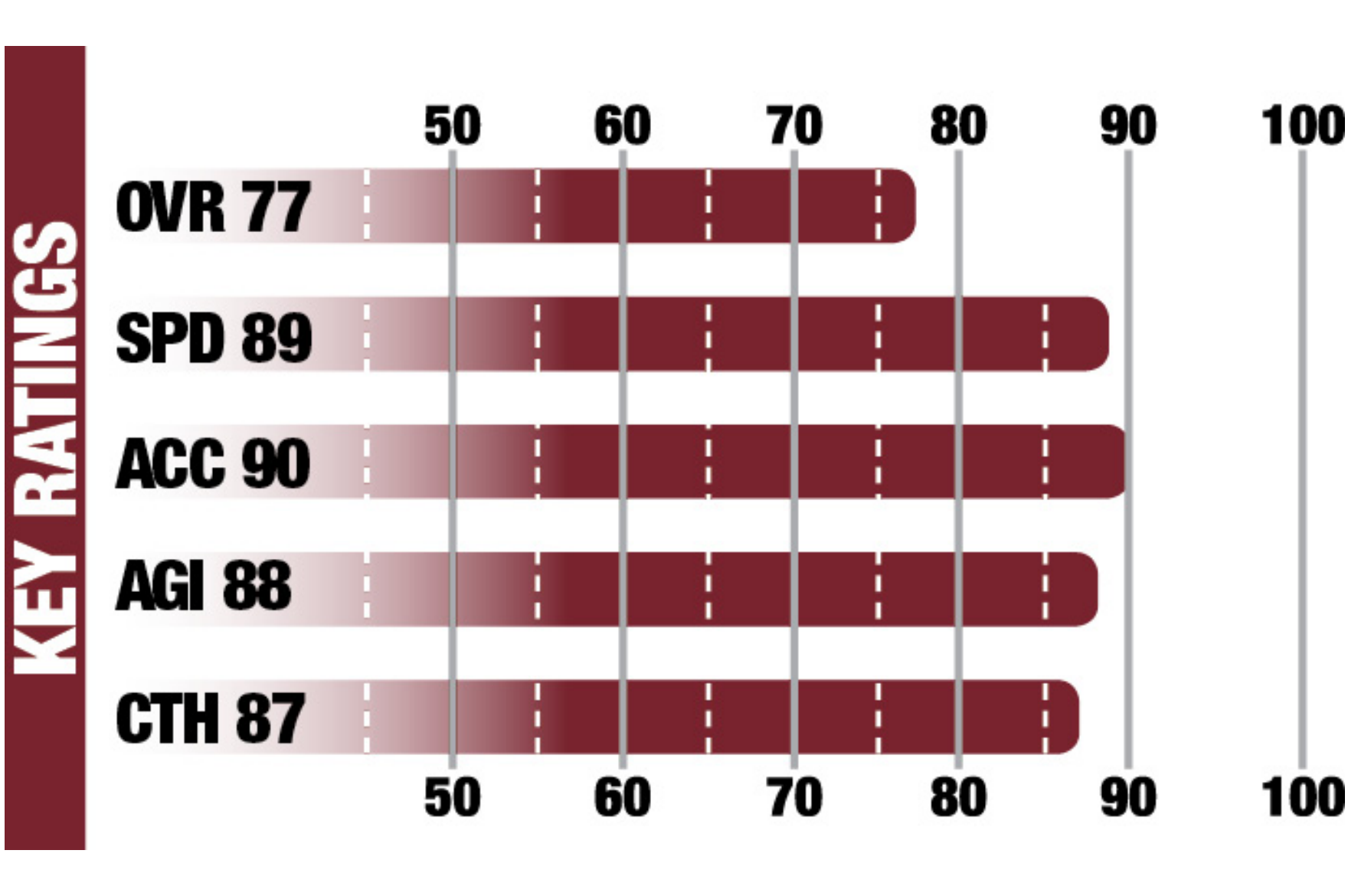


- The addition of Josh Norman is exactly what the Redskin's defense needed, an experienced corner who knows what he's doing.
- Norman's zone defense is ridiculously high. Take advantage of this and play it to your scheme.

KEY ROOKIE

JOSH DOCTSON #18

WR #18 HT 6'2" WT 206 COLLEGE TCU EXP R

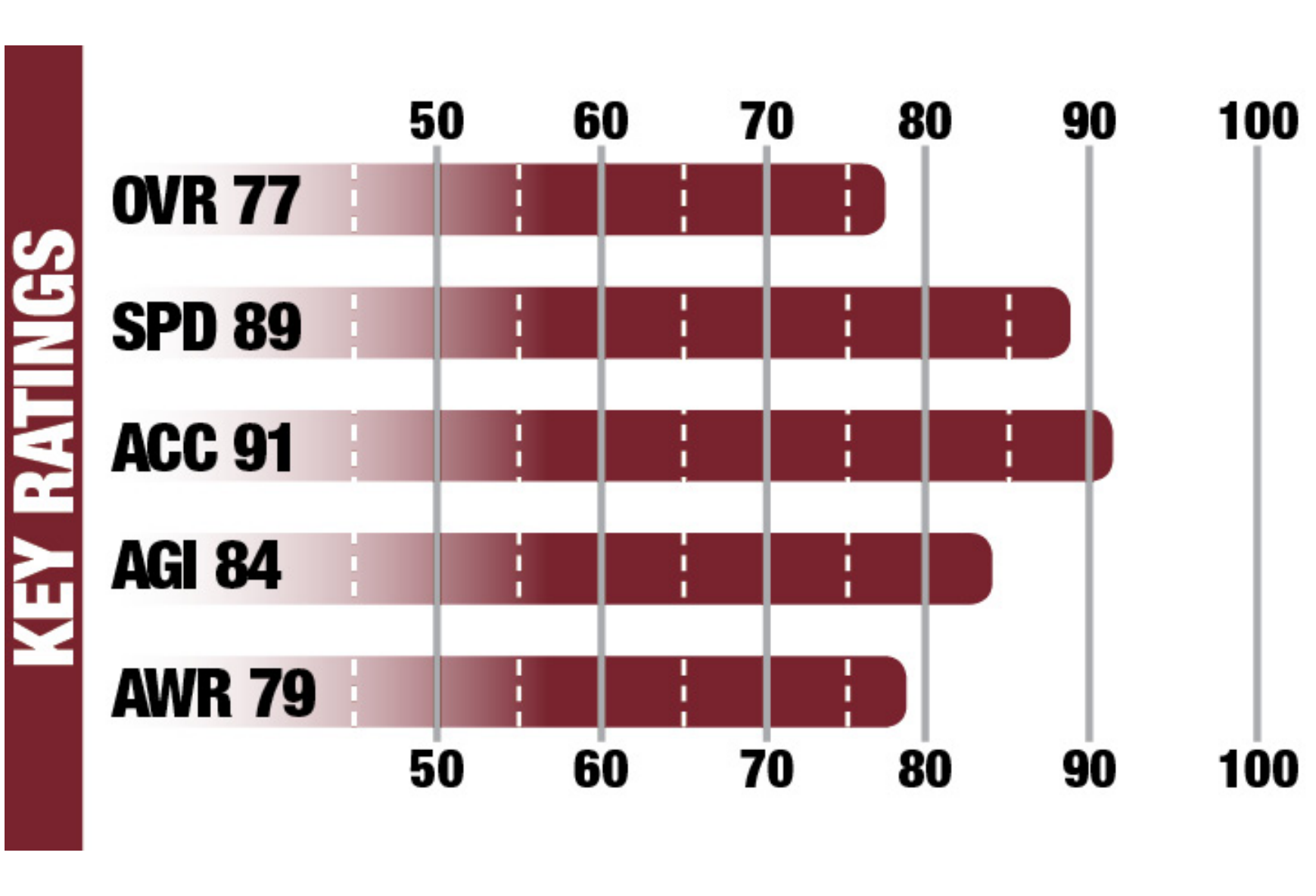


- Continue to work on Dixon's Carry rating to improve his overall skill set.
- Take control of Dixon and use the new ball-carrier mechanic. His agility can get you points in the red zone.

KEY SLEEPER

MATT JONES #31

HB #31 HT 6'2" WT 232 COLLEGE Florida EXP 1



- Jones is an excellent choice to spell. Take control of the speed back position on the team.
- Jones will need an upgrade to ball carrier vision if he plans on taking over the bulk of the carries in the future.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Kirk	Cousins	83
QB	Colt	McCoy	68
QB	Nate	Sudfeld	65
HB	Matt	Jones	77
HB	Chris	Thompson	72
HB	Keith	Marshall	69
HB	Silas	Redd Jr.	69
WR	DeSean	Jackson	84
WR	Pierre	Garcon	81
WR	Josh	Doctson	77
WR	Jamison	Crowder	74
WR	Ryan	Grant	69
WR	Rashad	Ross	63
WR	Reggie	Diggs	60
WR	Valdez	Showers	60
TE	Jordan	Reed	88
TE	Vernon	Davis	80
TE	Derek	Carrier	73
TE	Niles	Paul	73
TE	Logan	Paulsen	70
TE	Marcel	Jensen	66
LT	Trent	Williams	90
LT	Cody	Booth	65
LG	Shawn	Lauvao	74
LG	Spencer	Long	72
LG	Arie	Kouandjio	62
C	Kory	Lichtensteiger	68
C	Josh	LeRibeus	67
C	Austin	Reiter	63
C	Nick	Sundberg	57
RG	Brandon	Scherff	78
RG	Takoby	Cofield	65
RG	Nila	Kasitati	61
RT	Morgan	Moses	77
RT	Ty	Nsekhe	70

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Chris	Baker	81
LE	Stephen	Paea	75
LE	Matthew	Ioannidis	66
DT	Kedric	Golston	71
DT	Ziggy	Hood	70
DT	Jerrell	Powe	67
RE	Trent	Murphy	81
RE	Ricky	Jean Francois	74
RE	Kendall	Reyes	69
LOLB	Ryan	Kerrigan	88
LOLB	Junior	Galette	81
LOLB	Terence	Garvin	67
LOLB	Mike	Wakefield	61
LOLB	Lynden	Trail	56
MLB	Perry	Riley Jr.	74
MLB	Mason	Foster	72
MLB	Will	Compton	70
MLB	Adam	Hayward	70
MLB	Steven	Daniels	61
MLB	Carlos	Fields	61
MLB	Martrell	Spaight	60
ROLB	Preston	Smith	77
ROLB	Houston	Bates	60
CB	Josh	Norman	94
CB	Bashaud	Breeland	81
CB	Will	Blackmon	72
CB	Quinton	Dunbar	72
CB	Greg	Toler	72
CB	Kendall	Fuller	70
CB	Jeremy	Harris	67
CB	Dashaun	Phillips	59
FS	DeAngelo	Hall	82
FS	Kyshoen	Jarrett	74
FS	Deshazor	Everett	66
SS	David	Bruton Jr.	77
SS	Duke	Ihenacho	77
SS	Su'a	Cravens	74

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Dustin	Hopkins	77
P	Tress	Way	83

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: GUN Y-TRIPS OPEN – OUTSIDE ZONE

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Pistol Ace Wing – HB Stretch	I-Form Twin TE – Strong Stretch	I-Form Tight – FB Dive Strong	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Tight Doubles On – HB Base	Gun Trips Y-Flex – 5 6 Trap
Pistol Y-Trips – Strong Power	I-Form Twin TE – HB Toss	I-Form Tight – Iso	Goal Line – FB Dive	Gun Trips Y-Flex Tight – Inside Zone	Gun Trips Y-Flex – Outside Zone
Pistol Y-Trips – HB Stretch	I-Form Twin TE – Mtn Power	I-Form Tight – Power O	Goal Line – Power O	Gun Wing Deep Offset Wk – Inside Zone Split	Gun Wing Deep Offset Wk – Outside Zone

BEST PASS: GUN EMPTY BUNCH WIDE – POST CORNER READ

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Pistol Y-Trips – Skins Under	I-Form Twin TE – Mtn PA Power	I-Form Twin TE – PA Spot	Gun Tight Doubles – Shot Fade Cross	I-Form Twins – Post Wheel	Pistol Bunch – Corner Strike
Gun Bunch Offset – PA Read	Gun Empty Bunch Wide – Drive Y Corner	I-Form Twin TE – PA Boot Flow	Gun Trips Y-Flex Tight – PA Cross Shot	Pistol Y-Trips – WR Screen	Gun Normal Y-Flex Offset – Fork Wheel
Gun Empty Bunch Wide – Post Corner Read	Gun Normal HB Wk – HB Slip Screen	Gun Split Flex – Mtn Bubble Screen	Singleback Ace – PA Post Cross Shot	Pistol Y-Trips - Flood	Gun Tight Doubles On – Cross Wheels

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: NICKEL 3-3-5 WIDE – MIKE BLITZ 0

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch	3-4 Under – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Solid – Sting Pinch	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 2 Man	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 4
3-4 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	3-4 Under – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Solid – Cover 2 Press	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Cover 3 Buzz	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 2 Sink

BEST PASS D: BIG DIME 1-4-6 – COVER 4

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 2 Man	3-4 Even – Tampa 2	3-4 Solid – Sting Pinch	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 2 Sink	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 2 Man
34 Odd – Cover 3 Sky	3-4 Even – Pinch Buck 0	3-4 Solid – Cover 3 Sky	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	Dime 2-3- 6 – Cover 3 Mable	Dime 1-4- 6 – Cover 3 Sky

Teams

New Orleans Saints

GAMEPLAY RATING 82

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

- Overall Team Rating: **82**
- Offense: **83**
- Defense: **81**
- Offensive Scheme: **Vertical Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Base 4-3**
- Strengths: **QB, LT, LR**
- Weaknesses: **WR, RG, MLB**

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

- 3rd NFC South (7-9-0)
- Passing Offense: **1st**
- Rushing Offense: **24th**
- Passing Defense: **31st**
- Rushing Defense: **31st**

2015 TEAM LEADERS

- Passing: **Drew Brees: 4,870**
- Rushing: **Mark Ingram: 769**
- Receiving: **Brandin Cooks: 1,138**
- Tackles: **Stephone Anthony: 112**
- Sacks: **Cameron Jordan: 10**
- INTS: **Delvin Breaux: 3**

KEY ADDITIONS

- LE Cameron Jordan
- TE Coby Fleener
- DT Nick Fairley

KEY ROOKIES

- DT Sheldon Rankins
- FS Vonn Bell
- WR Michael Thomas

COACH

- Sean Payton
- Level: **24**
- Offensive Scheme: **Vertical Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Base 4-3**

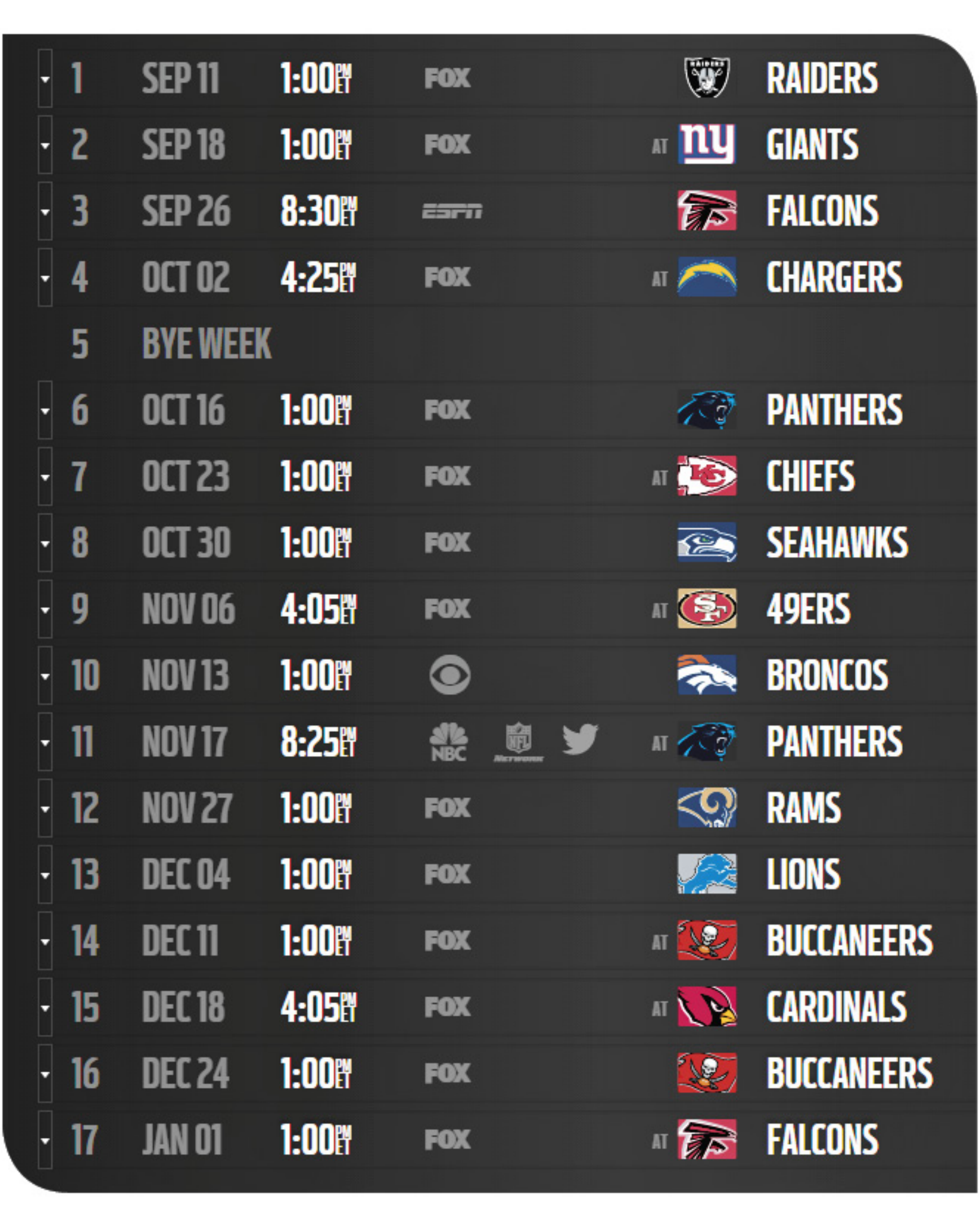
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Drew Brees found his targets pretty well last season even though he struggled in the rushing game. However, he is too talented to let it affect him over the course of a whole season. Take the first few games to learn which plays to call to improve his backs.
- The Saints have a nice combination of power and speed in the backfield with Mark Ingram and C.J. Spiller. Both have shown flashes at times, but neither has proven to be an every-down back, so use them in a rotation.
- TE Coby Fleener will need to step up and take advantage of the open TE position. Work on his Catching rating and allow Brees to hit him with as many passesas possible.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- On the defensive line, DT John Jenkins has the strength you need for a 3-4 scheme. Monitor the play of RE Cameron Jordan, who no doubt has the talent, but might not fit in at 3-4 end. Be creative with formation subs to get the most out of him.
- The Saints' LBs don't have blazing speed, so play a zone scheme to maximize their range. If you feel yourself unable to keep up with another team, try playing rookie LB Stephone Anthony, who is raw butvery quick.
- The Saints' secondary finally has some solid pieces back, especially if Jairus Byrd can remain healthy and lead the unit. Experienced CB Delvin Breaux will really help against some of the league's big receiving threats, like those division rival Tampa Bay has built around.

SCHEDULE



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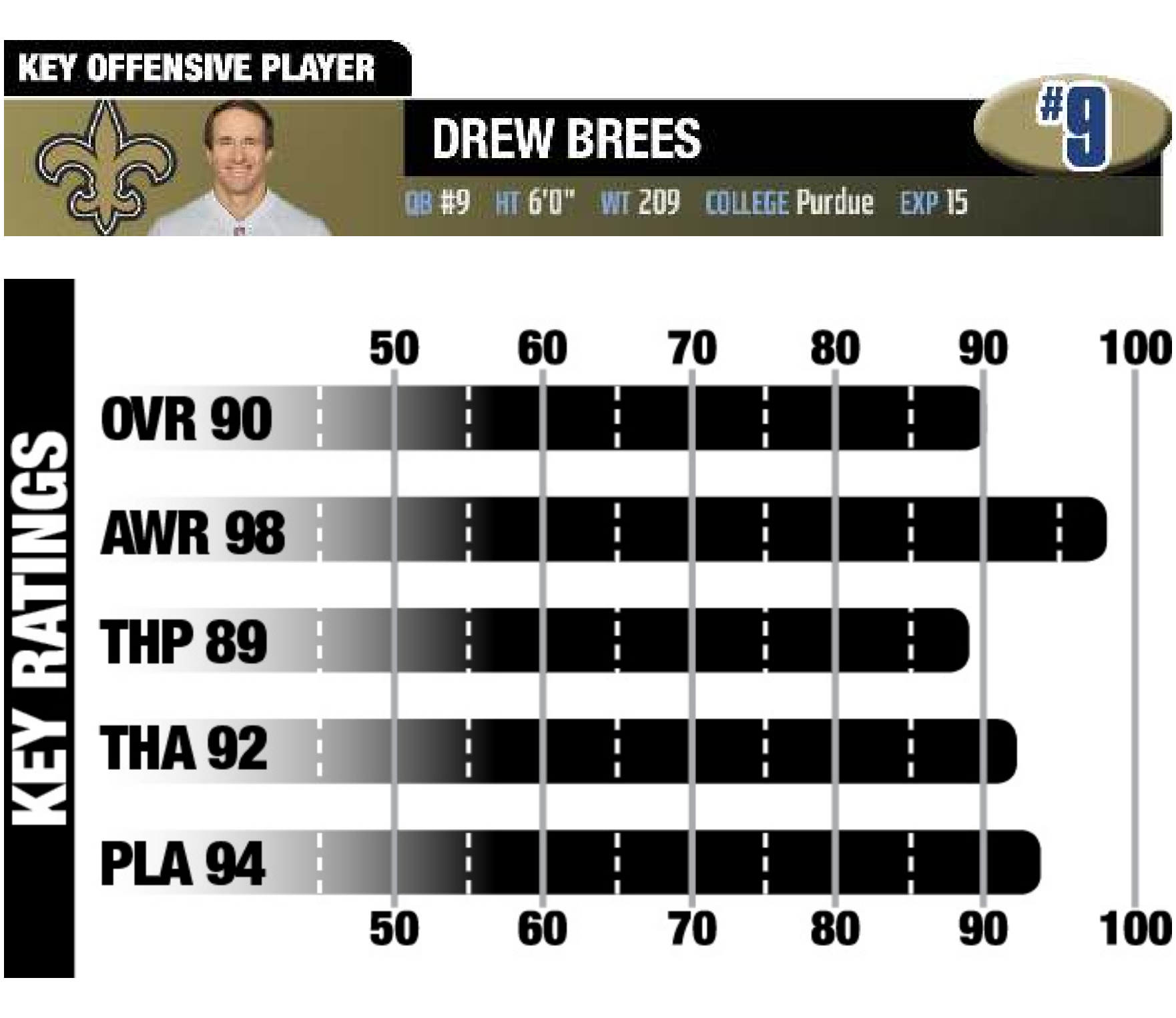
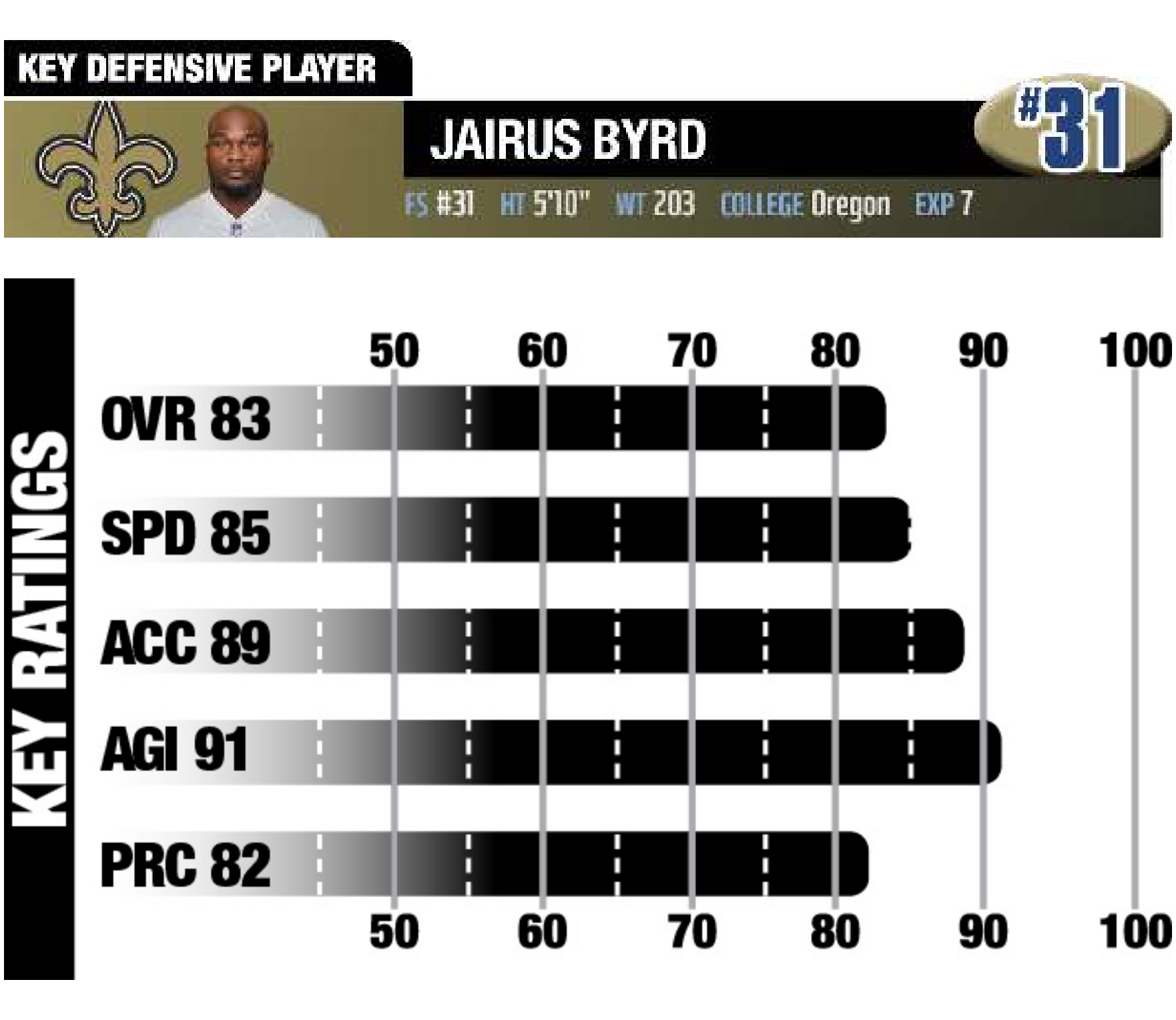
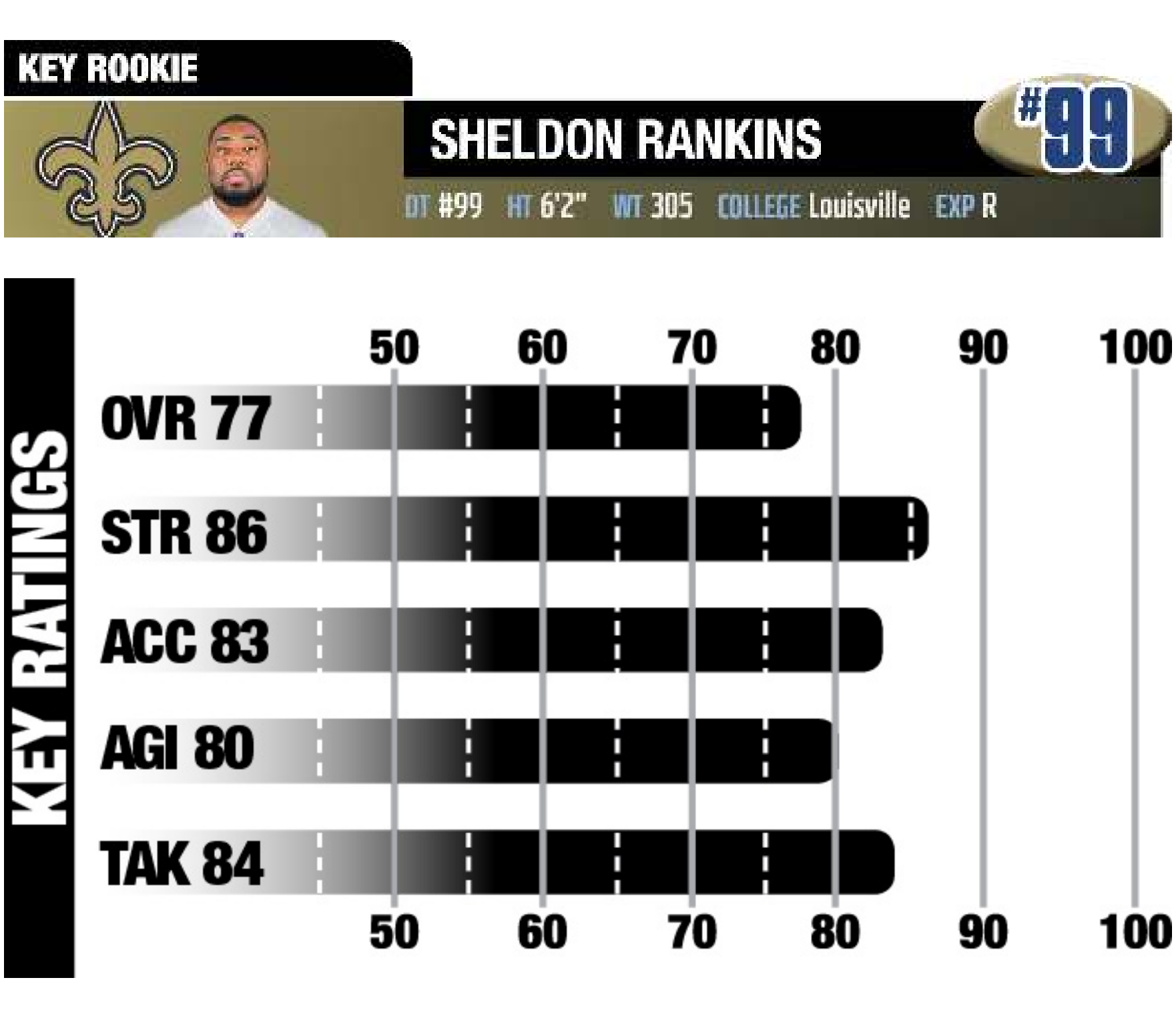
KEY PLAYERS



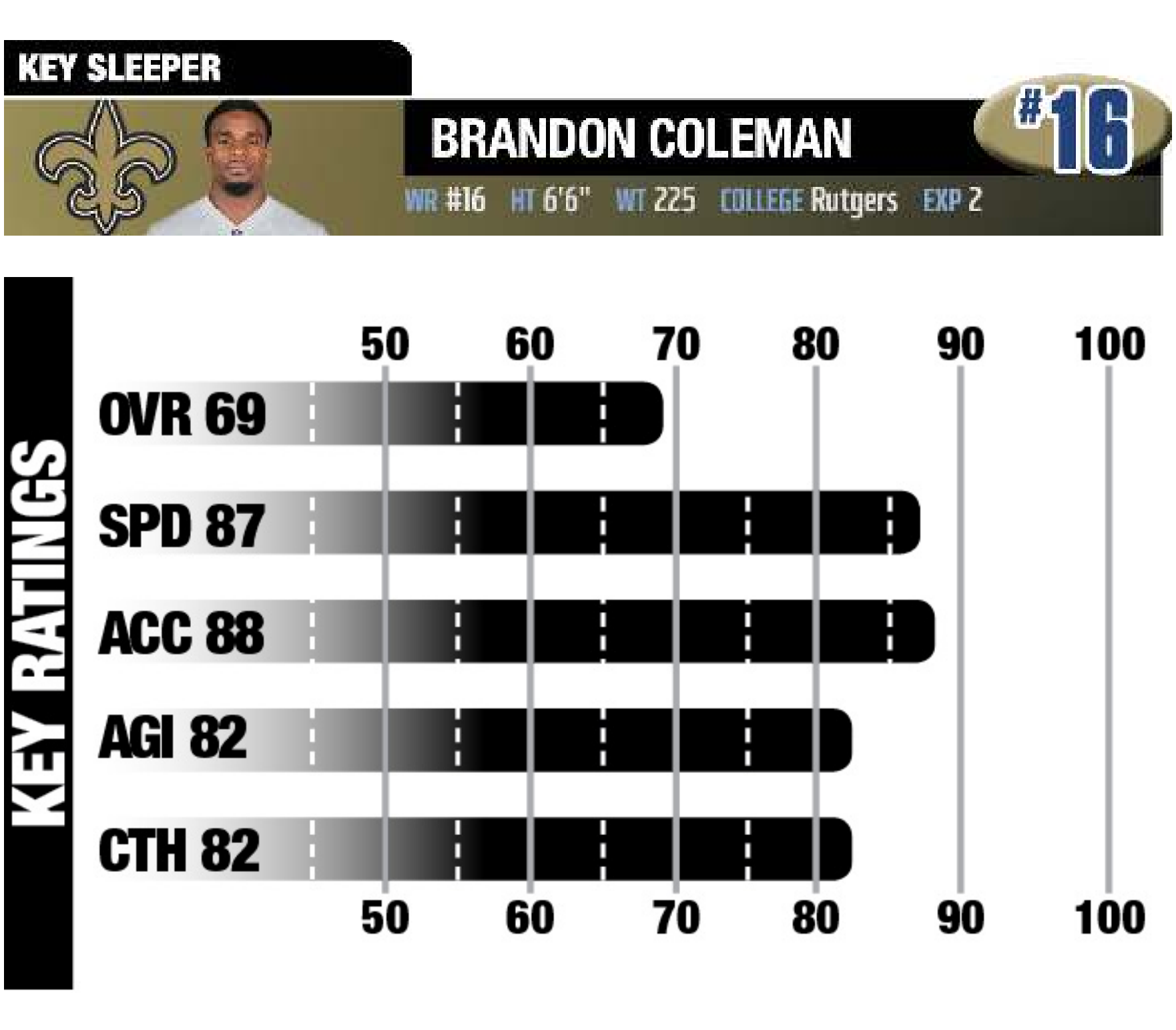
- Brees' accuracy across the board is what separates him from other QBs in the league.
- Be sure to utilize play action, as Brees is one of the best at it.



- Byrd has outstanding play recognition for his position and should be left to roam free over the middle.
- Keep boosting Byrd's speed and hit power to make him one of the best players in the league.



- Rankins is a combine warrior who will take your defense to another level.
- He's quick and if you can get him off the line quickly, he excels at putting pressure on the passer.



- Brees needed another red zone target, and Coleman delivered. Expect him to get even better this year.
- Upgrade his Spectacular Catch rating to make him an even more dangerous red zone threat.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Drew	Brees	90
QB	Luke	McCown	71
QB	Garrett	Grayson	64
HB	Mark	Ingram	83
HB	C.J.	Spiller	78
HB	Tim	Hightower	73
HB	Travaris	Cadet	71
HB	Daniel	Lasco	68
HB	Marcus	Murphy	67
FB	Austin	Johnson	70
FB	Sione	Houma	63
WR	Brandin	Cooks	82
WR	Willie	Snead	77
WR	Michael	Thomas	70
WR	Brandon	Coleman	69
WR	Vincent	Brown	68
WR	Jared	Dangerfield	62
WR	Jake	Lampman	61
TE	Coby	Fleener	84
TE	Josh	Hill	78
TE	Michael	Hoomanawanui	74
TE	RaShaun	Allen	62
TE	Justin	Drescher	50
LT	Terron	Armstead	92
LT	Tyrus	Thompson	68
LG	Tim	Lelito	77
LG	Kaleb	Eulls	62
C	Max	Unger	82
C	Marcus	Henry	60
C	Jack	Allen	59
RG	Senio	Kelemete	71
RG	Andrus	Peat	70
RG	Landon	Turner	58
RG	Joseph	Cheek	57
RT	Zach	Strief	82
RT	Avery	Young	60

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

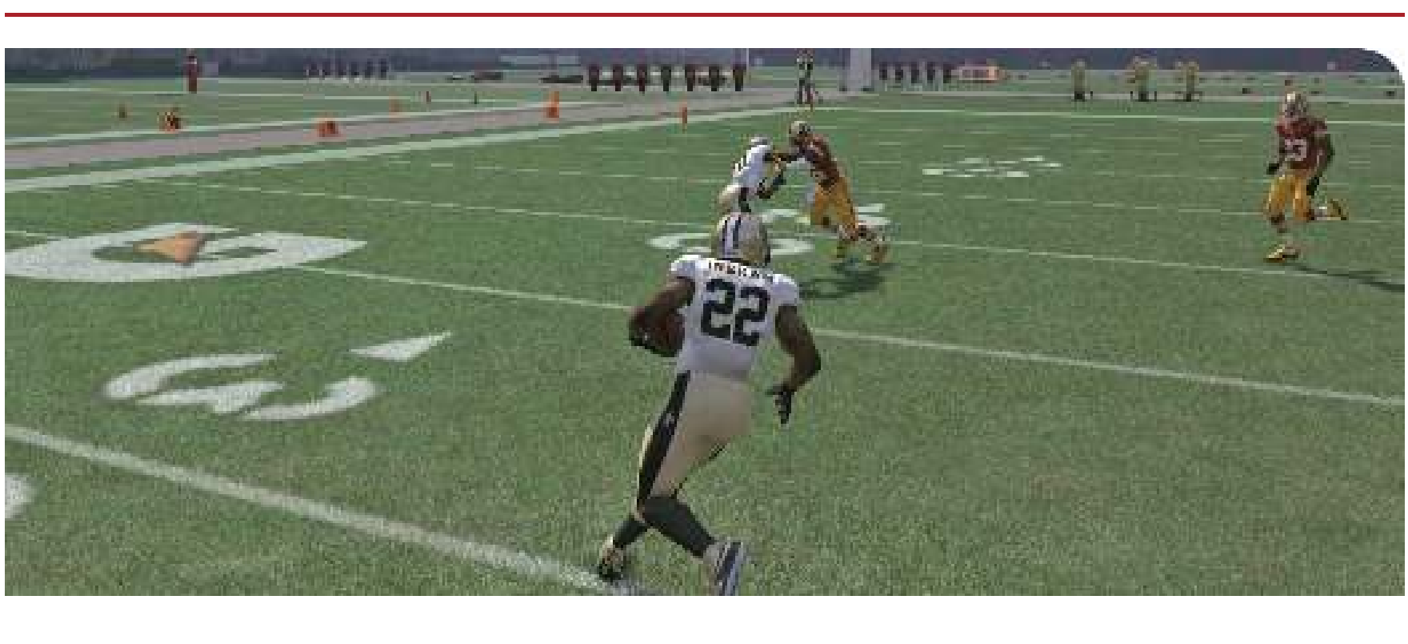
POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Cameron	Jordan	90
LE	D.J.	Pettway	60
LE	Obum	Gwacham	57
DT	Nick	Fairley	79
DT	John	Jenkins	78
DT	Sheldon	Rankins	77
DT	Tyeler	Davison	68
RE	Hau'oli	Kikaha	75
RE	Bobby	Richardson	66
RE	David	Onyemata	64
RE	Davis	Tull	60
LOLB	Stephone	Anthony	74
LOLB	Kasim	Edebali	67
LOLB	Dillon	Lee	57
MLB	James	Laurinaitis	73
MLB	Nathan	Stupar	71
MLB	Michael	Mauti	68
ROLB	Craig	Robertson	78
ROLB	Dannell	Ellerbe	77
ROLB	Tony	Steward	65
CB	Delvin	Breaux	82
CB	Keenan	Lewis	75
CB	Kyle	Wilson	74
CB	P.J.	Williams	70
CB	Tony	Carter	69
CB	Damian	Swann	68
CB	Brian	Dixon	66
CB	Brandon	Dixon	65
CB	De'Vante	Harris	60
FS	Jairus	Byrd	83
FS	Vonn	Bell	71
SS	Kenny	Vaccaro	80
SS	Roman	Harper	74
SS	Jamarca	Sanford	73
SS	Trae	Elston	59

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Connor	Barth	79
K	Kai	Forbath	75
P	Thomas	Morstead	83

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: I-FORM CLOSE – HB SWEEP



RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I-Form Close – Inside Zone	I-Form Close – HB Sweep	I-Form Close – HB Lead Dive	I-Form Tight – HB Off Tackle	Pistol Y-Trips – Strong Power	Pistol Bunch TE – Strong Power
Strong Close – HB Force	Gun Dbl Y Flex Offset Wk – Inside Zone	Gun Split Offset – HB Power O	I-Form Tight – HB Blast	Pistol Y-Trips – HB Stretch	Strong Close – Quick Toss
Gun Tight Offset TE – Inside Zone	Gun Tight Offset TE – 01 Trap	Gun Wing Trio Wk – HB Base	I-Form Tight – HB Iso	Gun Wing Trio Wk – HB Counter Trap	Gun Tight Offset TE – HB Draw

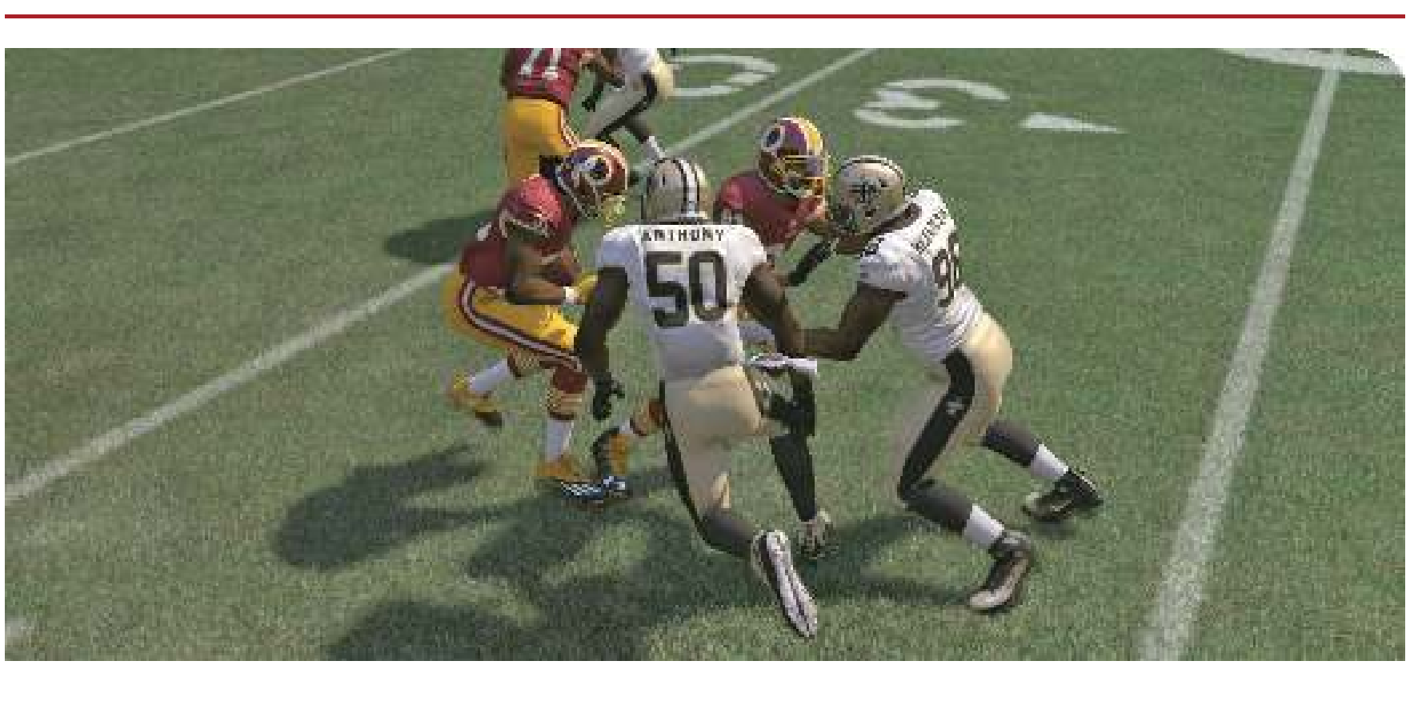
BEST PASS: SINGLEBACK SNUGS FLIP – HB WHEEL

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Pistol Bunch TE – Cross Drag	I-Form Close – Drag Wheel	I-Form Close – PA TE Corner	Gun Tight Offset TE – PA Shot Seams	Pistol Bunch TE – PA WR Screen	Pistol Bunch TE - Verticals
Gun Normal HB Wk – Corner Strike	Pistol Bunch TE – Fk Screen	I-Form Pro – Texas	Gun Trey Open Cowboy – PA WR In	Gun Empty Trey – Saints Switch	Gun Empty Trey – Saints Y-Screen
Gun Dbl Y Flex Offset Wk – Sail	I-Form Twins Flex – PA Divide	I-Form Tight – Angle	Gun Trips Y Iso – PA Vertical Shot	Gun Tight Offset TE – Saints Spot	Gun Tight Offset TE – Saints Spot Shake

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 4-3 OVER PLUS – COVER 4



RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	46 Bear Under – Gap Press	Goal Line 5-4-2 – Blitz C	Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 1 LB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Sky	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	46 Bear Under – LB Dogs	Goal Line 5-4-2 Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Buzz 2

BEST PASS D: DOLLAR 3-2-6 COVER 4 QB CONTAIN

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Mike Will Blitz	46 Bear Under – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3-3 – GL Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Overload 3 Seam 2	Dime Normal – DB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Man	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky	46 Bear Under – Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3-3 – Pinch Zone	Nickel Wide 9 – Tampa 2 Contain	Dime Normal – Cover 3 Buzz Press

Teams
Seattle Seahawks

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

- Overall Team Rating: **86**
- Offense: **81**
- Defense: **91**
- Offensive Scheme: **West Coast**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 4-3**
- Strengths: **WR, QB, FS**
- Weaknesses: **FB, RG, LOLB**

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

- 1st NFC West (12-4-0)
- Passing Offense: **20th**
- Rushing Offense: **3rd**
- Passing Defense: **2nd**
- Rushing Defense: **1st**

2015 TEAM LEADERS

- Passing: **Russell Wilson: 4,024**
- Rushing: **Thomas Rawls: 830**
- Receiving: **Doug Baldwin: 1,069**
- Tackles: **K.J. Wright: 116**
- Sacks: **Michael Bennett: 10**
- INTS: **Earl Thomas: 5**

KEY ADDITIONS

- RT Bradley Sowell

KEY ROOKIES

- RG Germain Ifedi
- DT Jarran Reed
- HB Zac Brooks
- TE Nick Vannett
- HB Alex Collins

COACH

- Pete Carroll
- Level: **27**
- Offensive Scheme: **West Coast**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 4-3**

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Russell Wilson has proven his position as the leader of the Seahawks' offense. Make sure you set a budget to keep him as long as you can.
- HB Thomas Rawls has taken the top spot as the number one back. He still needs a lot of work to be worthy of keeping his position, but unless you spend some time upgrading him, you may need to sign someone soon.
- The Seattle receiving corps is built around solid talent, but the true superstar is the newly acquired TE Jimmy Graham.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- There are so many combinations to rush the passer for Seattle that it makes it nearly impossible for offensive teams to match up.
- Make sure that Bobby Wagner is anchoring the defense on every snap, and Ahtyaba Rubin should be in to rush anytime a pass is suspected.
- The Seattle defense is the perfect blend of size and speed to shut down all the playmakers in the NFC.

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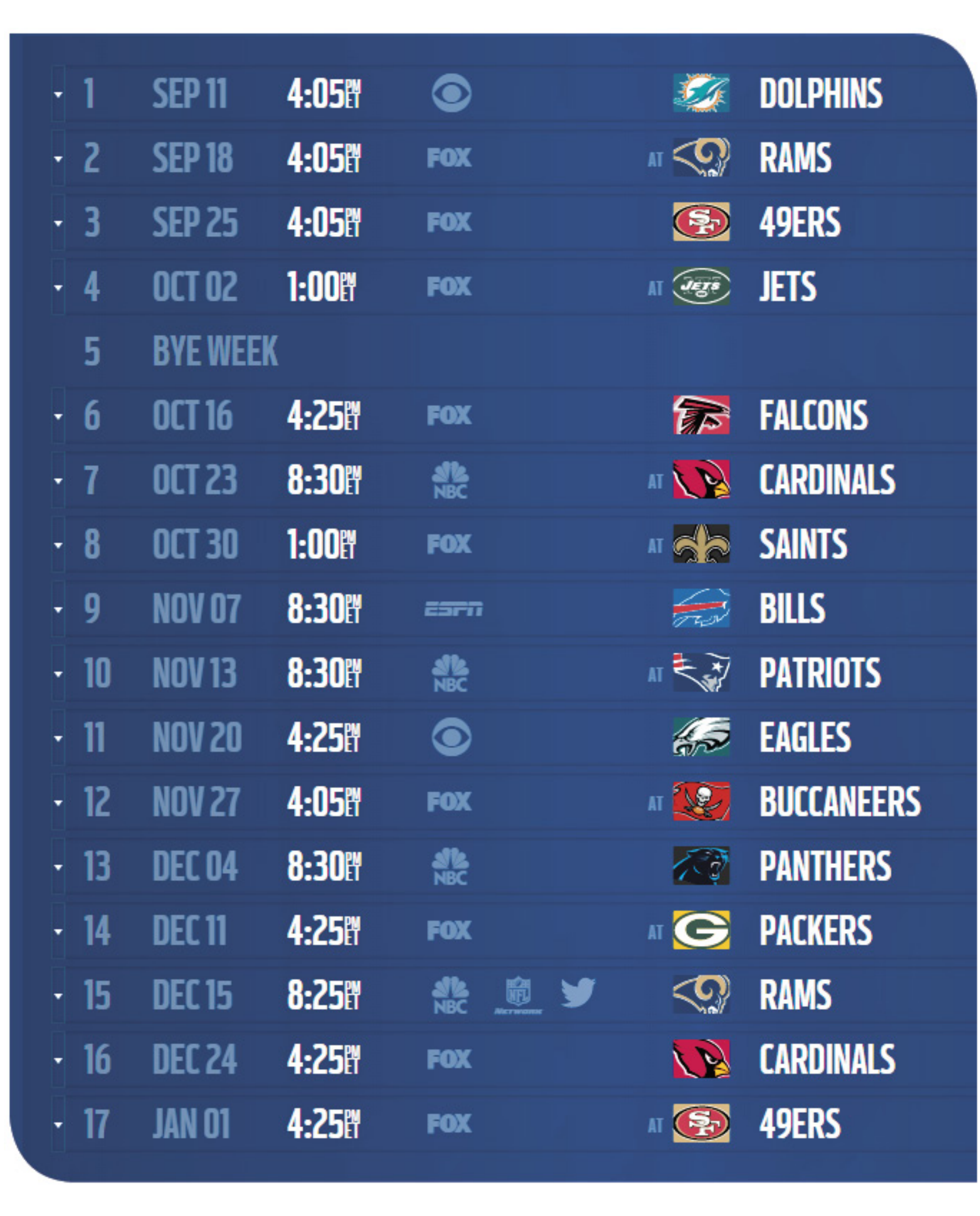

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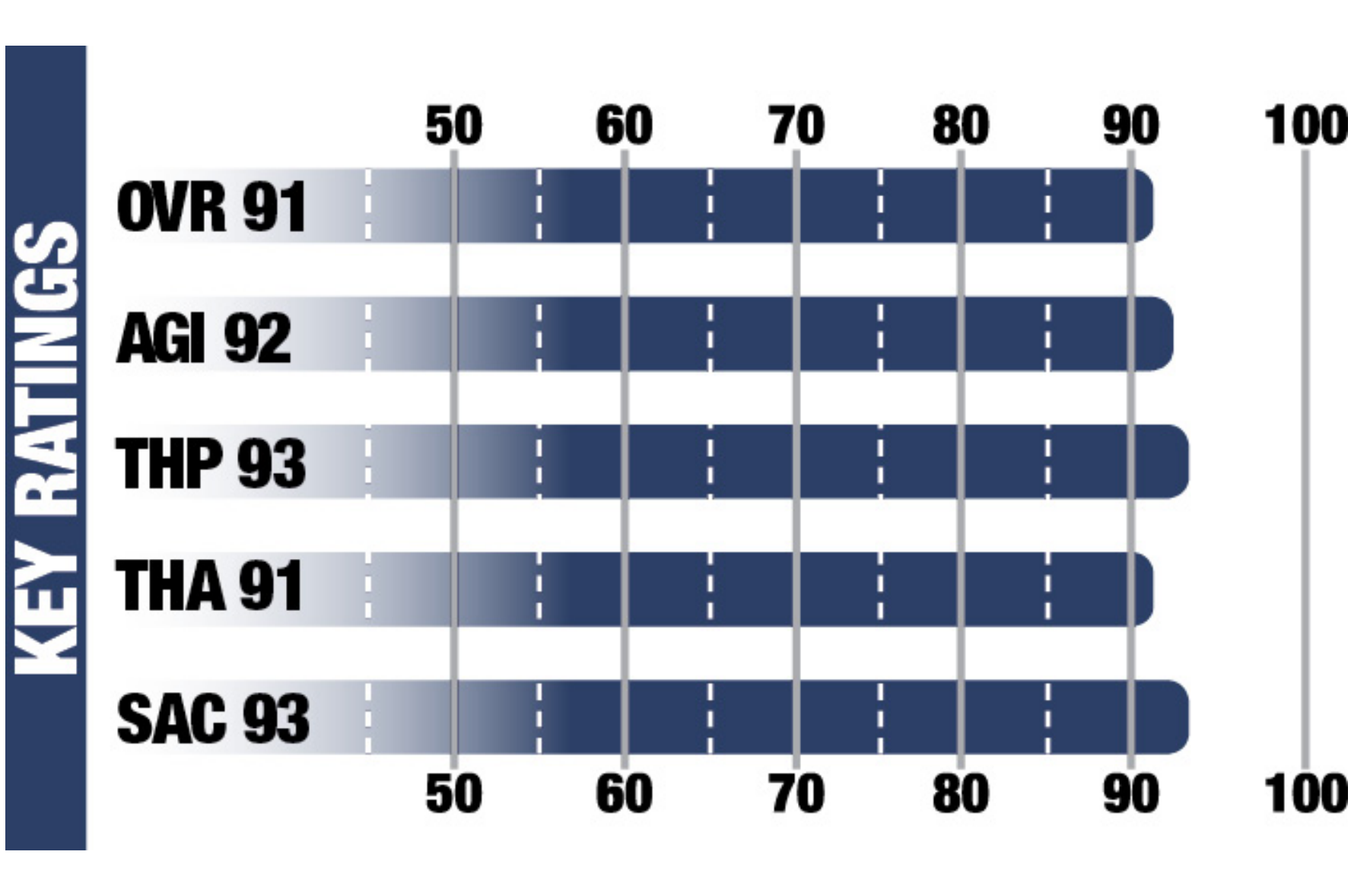
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

RUSSELL WILSON #3

QB #3 HT 5'11" WT 215 COLLEGE Wisconsin EXP 4

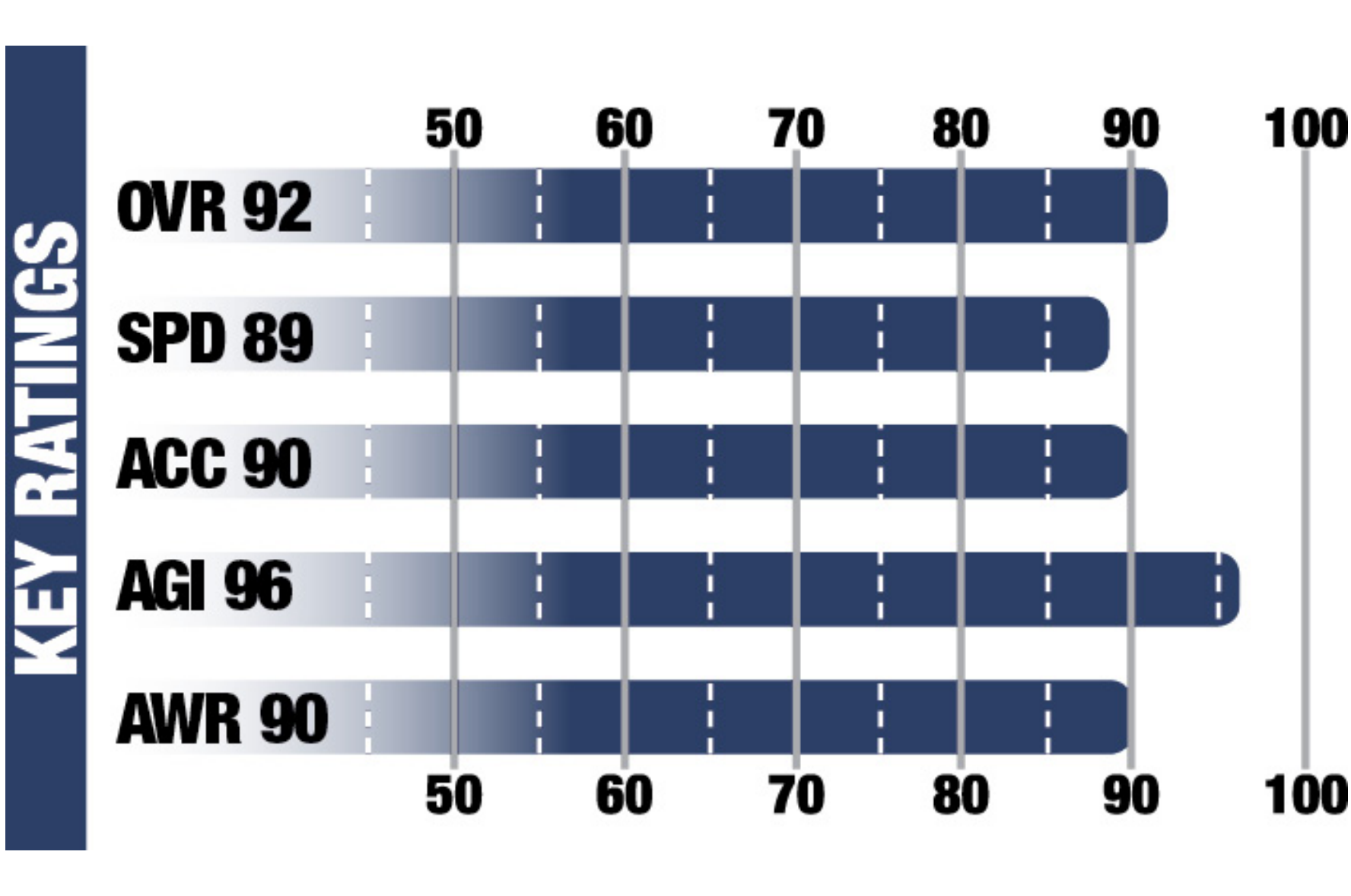


- Wilson is an excellent passer from short to medium range, so focus on this when calling your plays for him and your scheme.
- Russell Wilson has great power, but it might be better used if thrown as a sharp pass over the top.

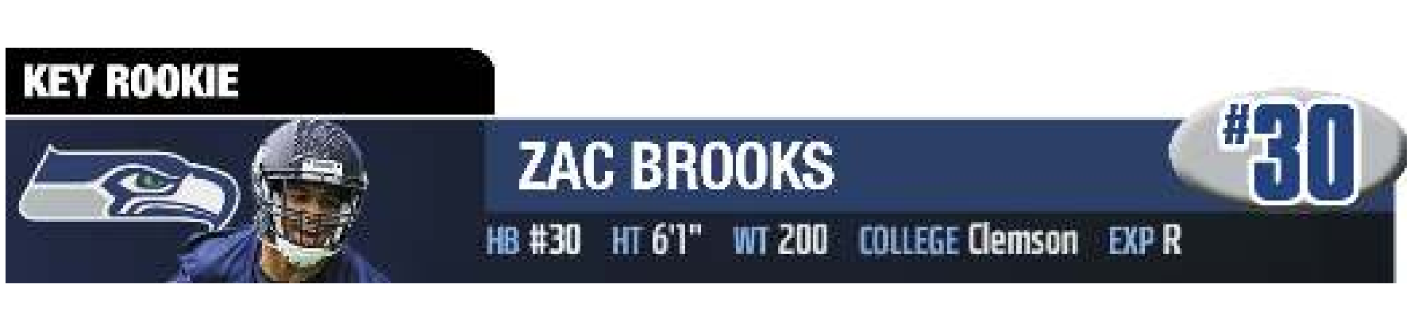
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

RICHARD SHERMAN #25

CB #25 HT 6'3" WT 195 COLLEGE Stanford EXP 5



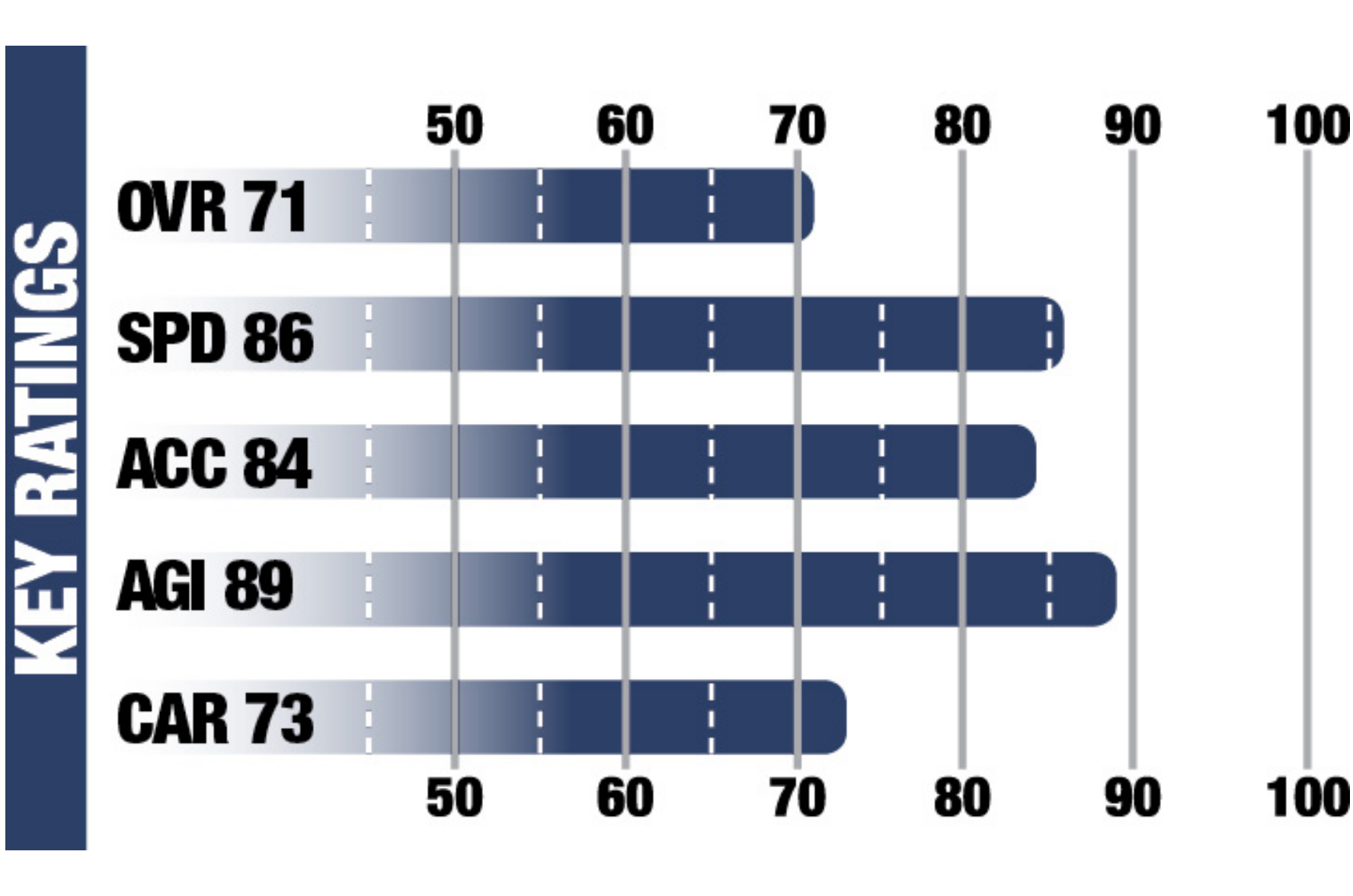
- If an opponent is looking to utilize the high-point throw, quickly shut them down with the 6'3" Sherman.
- Sherman is an amazing defender who can read plays quickly with his 90 Play Recognition.



KEY ROOKIE

ZAC BROOKS #30

HB #30 HT 6'1" WT 200 COLLEGE Clemson EXP R

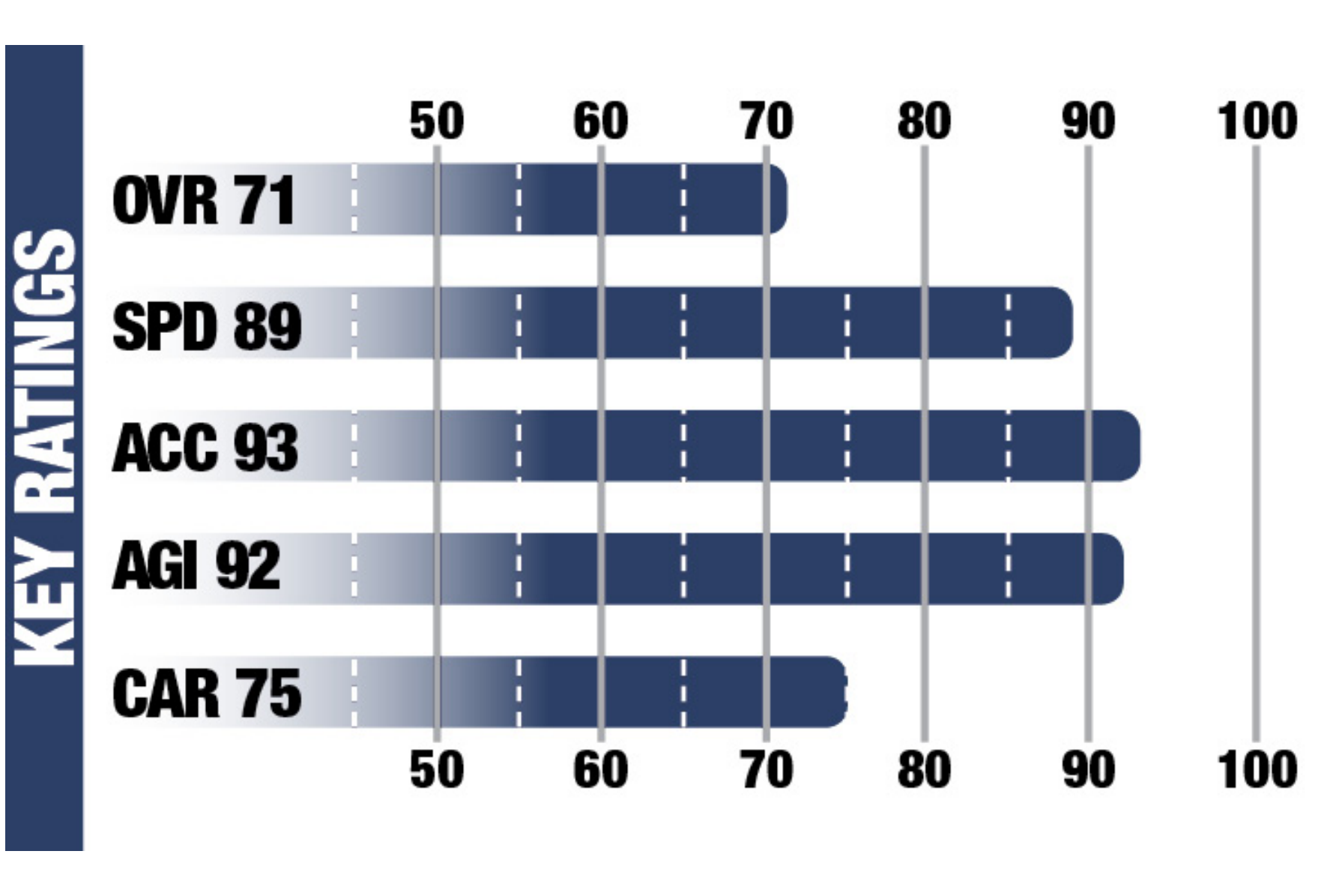


- Groom Brooks to become a starting back as there is now a spot open for someone to step up and excel,.Why not make it the young rookie?
- Brooks' Speed and Acceleration ratings are decent. Focus on upgrading his Carry rating and turn him into a fast back.

KEY SLEEPER

CHRISTINE MICHAEL #32

HB #32 HT 5'10" WT 221 COLLEGE Texas A&M EXP 3



- There are many opportunities to see a new HB emerge as the main ball carrier, but don't overlook guys like Michael because he has the skills to keep up.
- Calling the right play and getting Michael across the line will likely result in some major yardage.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Russell	Wilson	91
QB	Trevone	Boykin	63
HB	Thomas	Rawls	80
HB	C.J.	Prosise	74
HB	Zac	Brooks	71
HB	Christine	Michael	71
HB	Alex	Collins	69
HB	Tre	Madden	63
WR	Doug	Baldwin	89
WR	Jermaine	Kearse	80
WR	Tyler	Lockett	80
WR	Paul	Richardson	71
WR	Antwan	Goodley	65
WR	Kenny	Lawler	64
WR	Kevin	Smith	64
WR	Kasen	Williams	63
WR	Jeff	Fuller	62
TE	Jimmy	Graham	89
TE	Luke	Willson	78
TE	Cooper	Helfet	71
TE	Brandon	Williams	71
TE	Nick	Vannett	70
TE	Drew	Ferris	49
LT	Garry	Gilliam	68
LT	Terry	Poole	67
LG	Mark	Glowinski	66
LG	Kristjan	Sokoli	62
C	Justin	Britt	71
C	Patrick	Lewis	70
C	Joey	Hunt	67
RG	Germain	Ifedi	75
RG	Rees	Odhiambo	68
RG	J'Marcus	Webb	68
RT	Bradley	Sowell	74
RT	Lene	Maiava	63

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

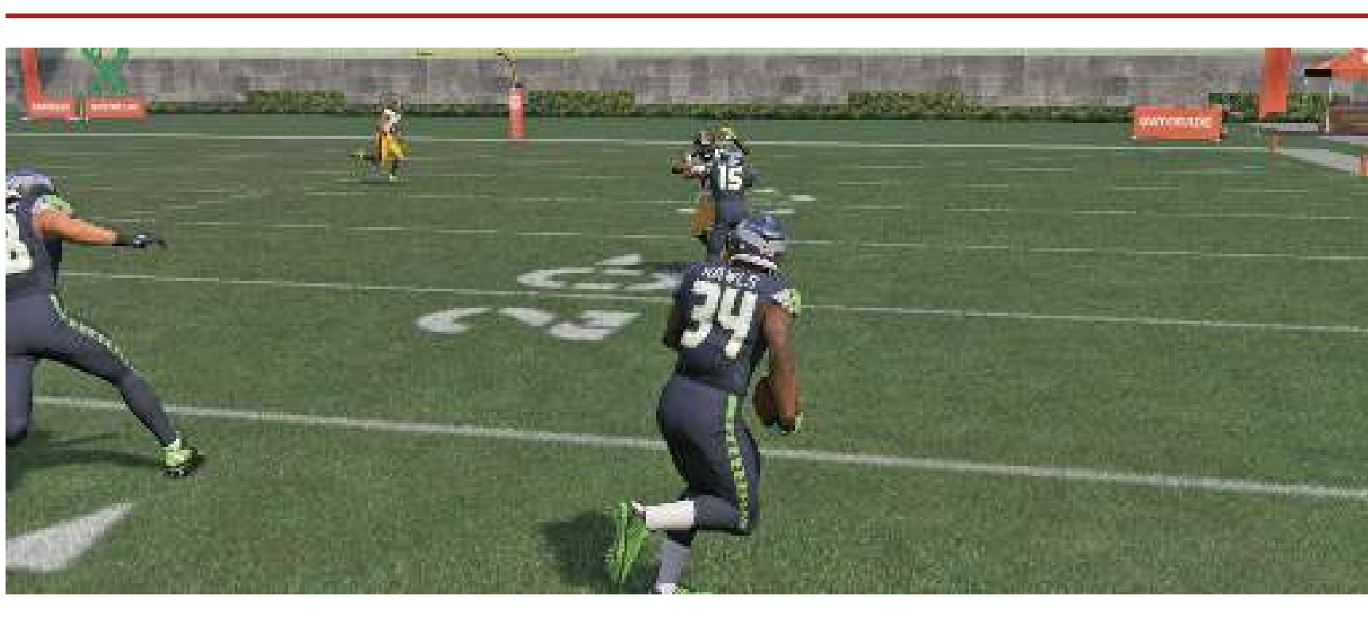
POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Michael	Bennett	91
LE	Frank	Clark	65
LE	Ryan	Robinson	58
DT	Ahtyba	Rubin	74
DT	Jarran	Reed	73
DT	Sealver	Siliga	73
DT	Jordan	Hill	72
DT	Quinton	Jefferson	65
DT	Justin	Hamilton	63
RE	Cliff	Avril	90
RE	Chris	Clemons	70
RE	Cassius	Marsh	67
RE	DeAngelo	Tyson	64
LOLB	Mike	Morgan	71
MLB	Bobby	Wagner	88
MLB	Brock	Coyle	66
MLB	Khairi	Fortt	65
MLB	Steve	Longa	58
ROLB	K.J.	Wright	88
ROLB	Kevin	Pierre-Louis	70
ROLB	Tavaris	Barnes	62
ROLB	Eric	Pinkins	58
CB	Richard	Sherman	92
CB	Jeremy	Lane	77
CB	Brandon	Browner	73
CB	Marcus	Burley	71
CB	Tharold	Simon	71
CB	DeShawn	Shead	67
CB	Stanley	Jean-Baptiste	66
CB	Tye	Smith	62
CB	DeAndre	Elliott	61
FS	Earl	Thomas III	93
FS	Steven	Terrell	68
SS	Kam	Chancellor	91
SS	Kelcie	McCray	66
SS	Tyvis	Powell	61

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Steven	Hauschka	84
P	Jon	Ryan	81

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: PISTOL ACE – STRONG POWER



RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Pistol Ace – Strong Power	Pistol Ace – HB Stretch	I-Form H Tight – HB Stretch	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Bunch Wk – Outside Zone	Gun Normal Flex Wing Wk – Read Option
Pistol Strong Slot – HB Dive	Gun Normal Y-Slot – Inside Zone	I-Form H Tight – HB Blast	Goal Line – FB Dive	Gun Bunch Wk – HB Base	Gun Normal Flex Wing Wk – HB Power O
Gun Ace Offset – Outside Zone	Gun Normal Y-Slot – Read Option	I-Form H Twin TE – HB Iso	Goal Line – Power O	Gun Normal Deep Offset – Outside Zone	Gun Normal Offset – Outside Zone

BEST PASS: GUN TRIO OFFSET – PA HAWKS DIG

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I-Form H Slot – Bench	I-Form H Pro – PA Scissors	I-Form H Pro – Slants	Pistol Ace – PA Shot Go's	Gun Double Stack – PA Screen	Pistol Strong Slot – Shakes
Gun Trey Y-Flex – PA Crossers	Pistol Strong Slot – PA Slide	Gun Ace Twins Offset- Stick	Gun Ace Twins Offset – PA Verts Shot	Gun Double Stack – Fake Screen Shot	Gun Normal Y-Slot – Four Verticals
Gun Trey Y-Flex – Levels Sail	Gun Ace Twins Offset - Smash	Gun Split Flex – Slants Middle	Gun Snugs Flipped – PA Flood Shot	Gun Split Flex – HB Slip Screen	Gun Split Flex – WR Corners

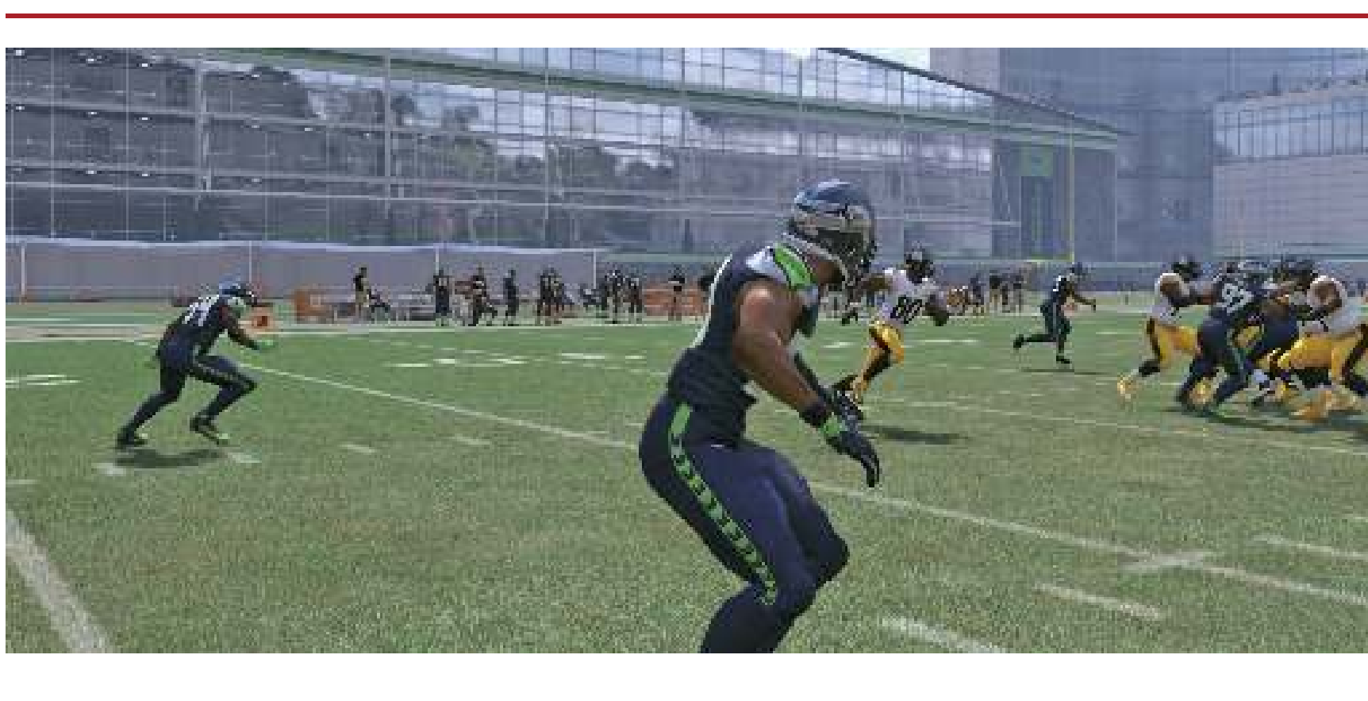
BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 4-3 OVER PLUS – COVER 3 MATCH

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Sam Will Blitz	46 Bear Under – Cover 1	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	4-3 Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 2 Man LB Blitz
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Press	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky Press	46 Bear Under - Cover 3	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	4-3 Wide 9 – Tampa 2	Dollar 3-2- 6 – Cover 3 Sky Press

BEST PASS D: DOLLAR 3-2-6 – COVER 3 MATCH



PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	4-6 Bear Under – Gap Press	Goal Line 5-4- 2 – Blitz C	Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Cloud Press	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	4-6 Bear Under – LB Dogs	Goal Line 5-4- 2 Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Buzz Press	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky Press

Teams
Pittsburgh Steelers

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

- Overall Team Rating: **84**
- Offense: **91**
- Defense: **81**
- Offensive Scheme: **Vertical Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Zone Blitz 3-4**
- Strengths: **QB, HB, ROLB**
- Weaknesses: **LT, SS, DT**

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

- 2nd AFC North (10-6-0)
- Passing Offense: **3rd**
- Rushing Offense: **16th**
- Passing Defense: **30th**
- Rushing Defense: **5th**

2015 TEAM LEADERS

- Passing: **Ben Roethlisberger: 3,938**
- Rushing: **DeAngelo Williams: 907**
- Receiving: **Antonio Brown: 1,834**
- Tackles: **Lawrence Timmons: 119**
- Sacks: **Cameron Heyward: 7**
- INTS: **Mike Mitchell: 3**

KEY ADDITIONS

- FB Roosevelt Nix
- TE Ladarius Green
- CB Ross Cockrell

KEY ROOKIES

- CB Artie Burns
- SS Sean Davis
- DT Javon Hargrave

COACH

- Mike Tomlin
- Level: **24**
- Offensive Scheme: **Vertical Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Zone Blitz 3-4**

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Ben Roethlisberger has excellent strength, which allows him to keep plays alive until he finds an open target. With the emergence of a great HB, his Play Action rating and ability to throw on the run should come in handy.
- Le'Veon Bell has absolutely turned into an every-down back for the Steelers. Not only does he have excellent agility, but he rarely fumbles and is a solid pass catcher. Start saving up because he will command a huge payday soon.
- In the WR corps, Antonio Brown has an amazing ability to hang onto balls in traffic, so go to him anytime you need a clutch catch and let him do the work after the grab. Martavis Bryant is the next player you should focus on developing, because his size makes him a real threat in the red zone.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Steelers' defensive line is perfect for their 3-4 scheme. Continue to work on pass-rushing skills for Stephon Tuitt. He's young and still developing. Expect Cameron Heyward to perform well, as he is in the prime of his career.
- LB Ryan Shazier stepped in and showed incredible speed over the last couple of seasons. Improve his coverage skills, or consider switching him to a role where he can blitz on an every-down basis.
- The Steelers have the young talent ready to replace him in Shamarko Thomas. Focus your scouting on finding a CB in the upcoming draft.

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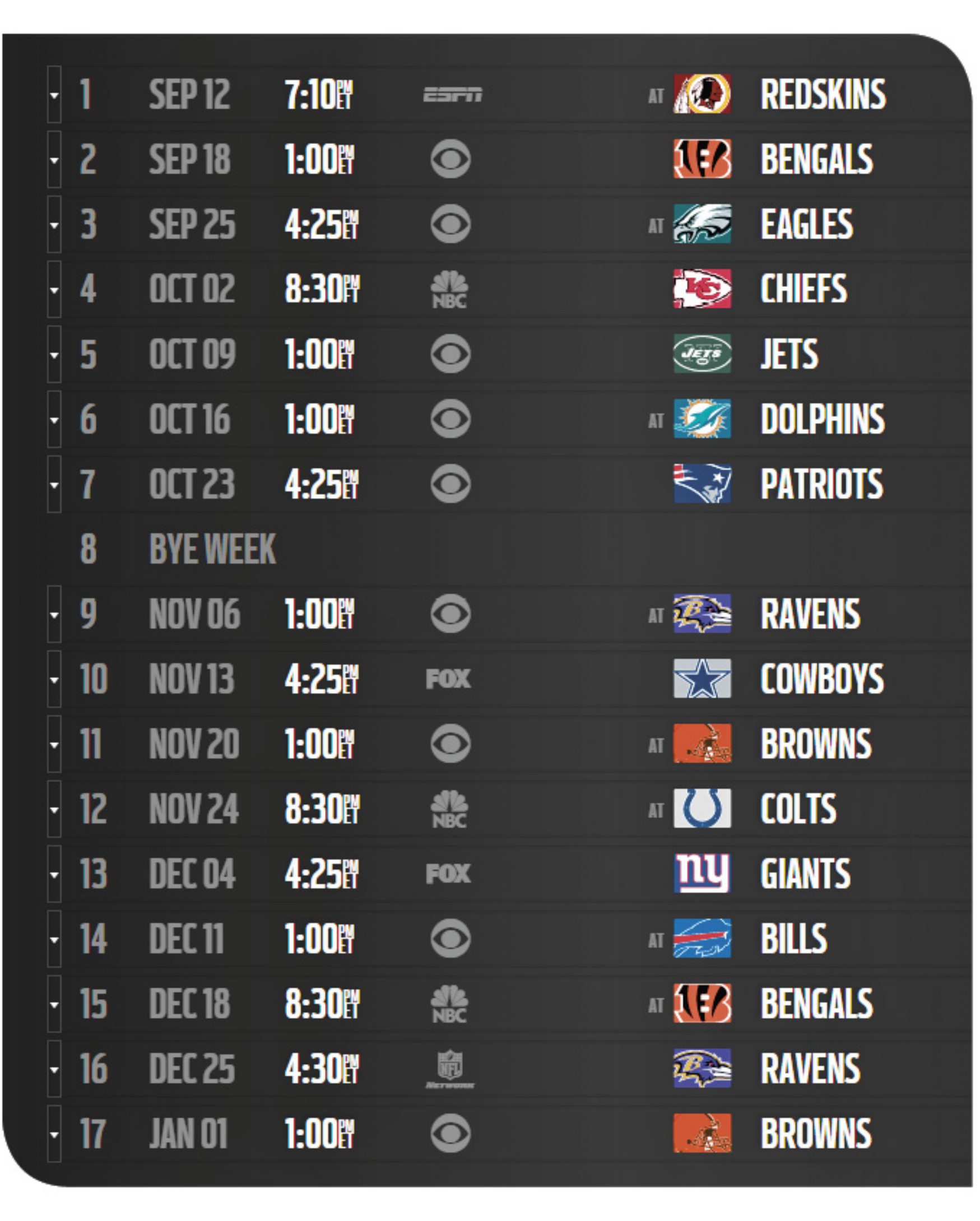

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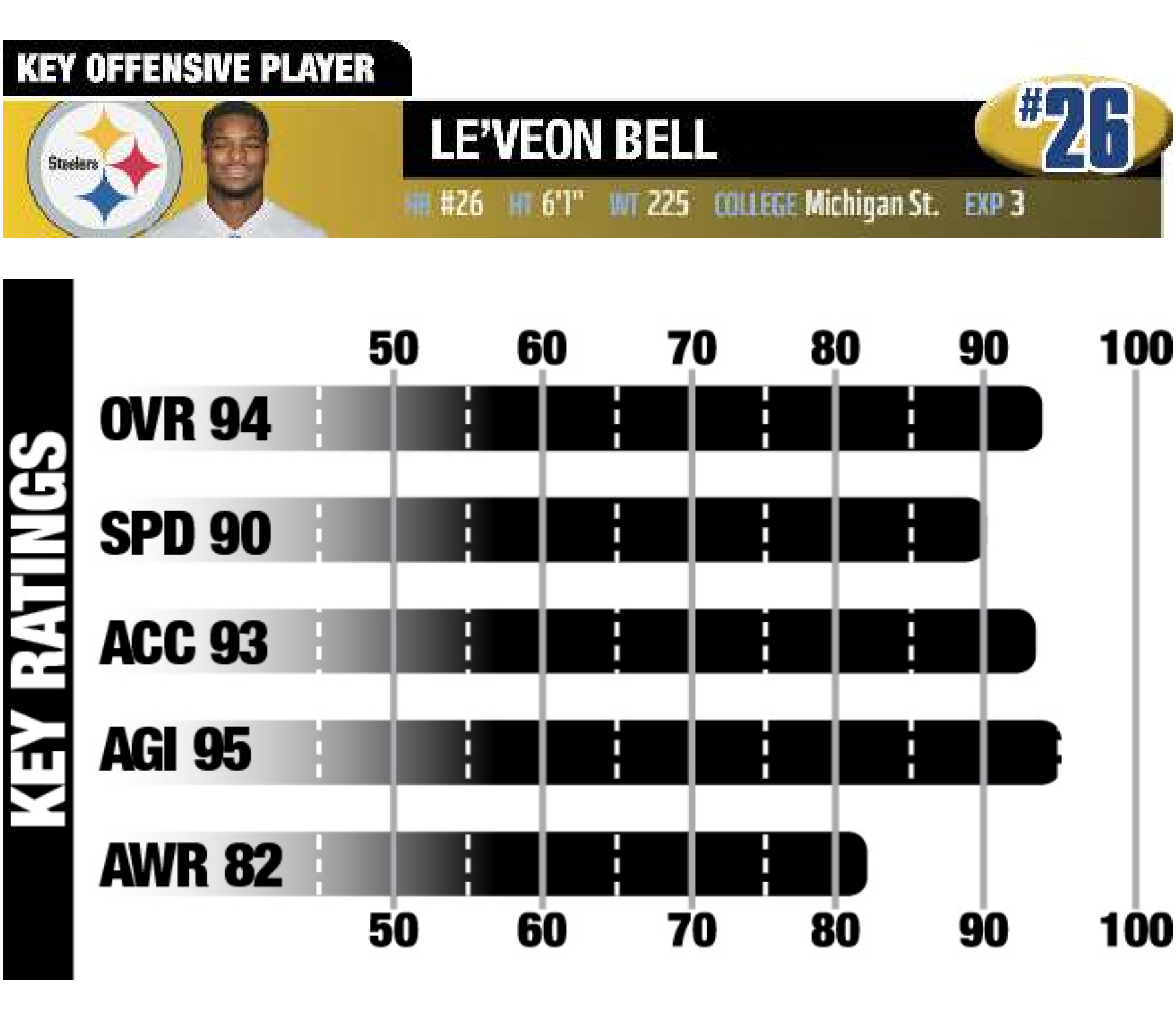
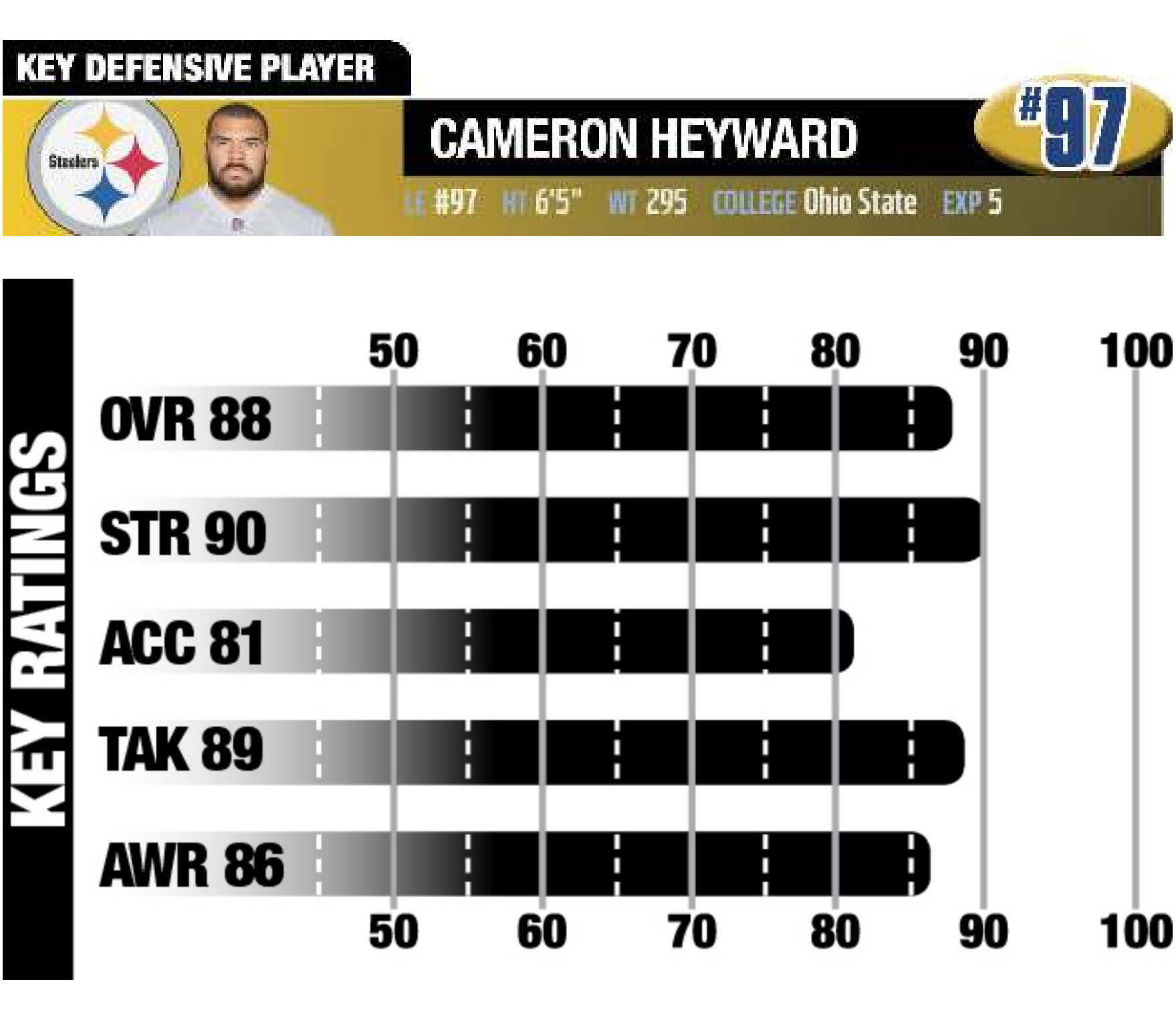
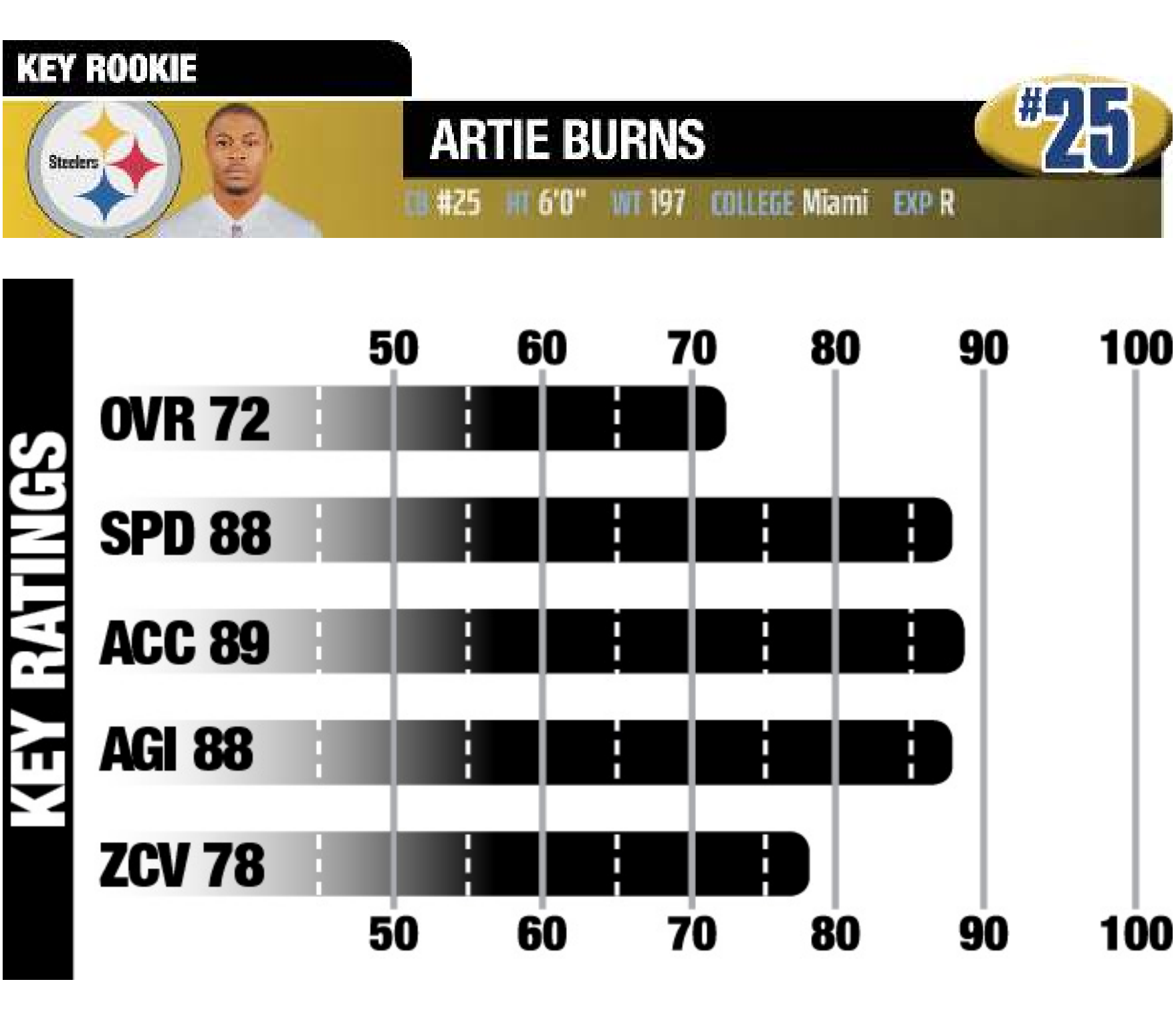


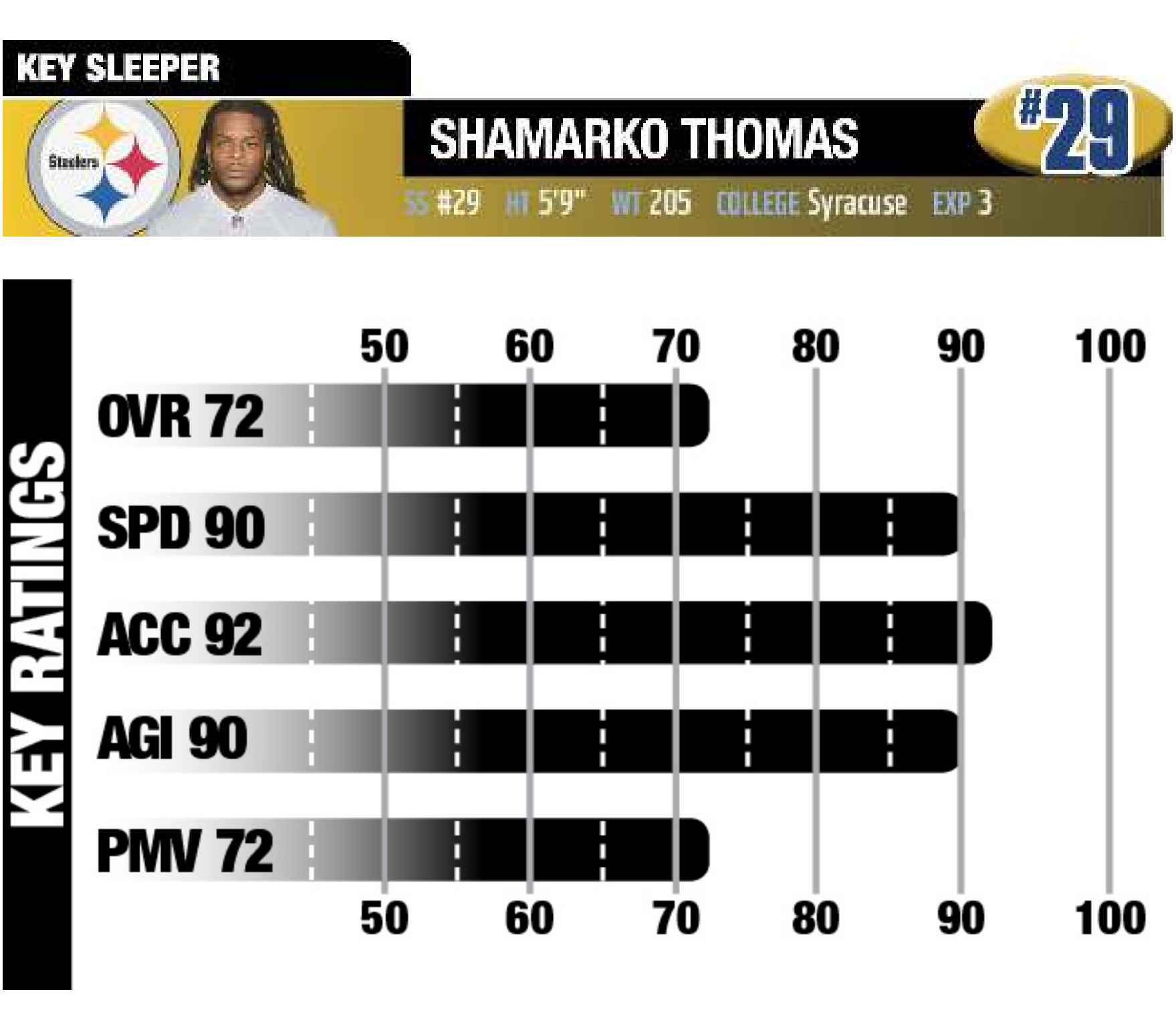
- To get the most out of Bell, target him in the passing game, because he can break screen passes for huge gains.
- Juke is a great option in the open field, but spin and stiff arm moves are close seconds.



- Model the development of the younger DE Stephon Tuitt after Heyward, who can slide inside and rush on passing downs.
- Heyward has developed into an all-around defensive star and should remain in black and yellow for a long time.



- Adding another great CB to the defense will only strengthen what the Steelers have going for them.
- Focus on Burns' zone coverage, but don't ignore the fact that he is also a decent man defender. Don't be afraid to play him anywhere.



- Despite his size, Thomas has a great power move and is ideal for putting pressure on the line.
- Thomas knows the Steelers' defense rather well, so use him to gain confidence and keep it high to see some impressive plays by him.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Ben	Roethlisberger	93
QB	Bruce	Gradkowski	69
QB	Landry	Jones	66
QB	Dustin	Vaughan	62
HB	Le'Veon	Bell	94
HB	DeAngelo	Williams	81
HB	Daryl	Richardson	67
HB	Fitzgerald	Toussaint	64
FB	Roosevelt	Nix	80
FB	David	Johnson	74
WR	Antonio	Brown	97
WR	Martavis	Bryant	81
WR	Markus	Wheaton	76
WR	Darrius	Heyward-Bey	71
WR	Sammie	Coates	70
WR	Demarcus	Ayers	62
WR	Canaan	Severin	62
WR	Marcus	Tucker	61
TE	Ladarius	Green	80
TE	Matt	Spaeth	78
TE	Jesse	James	67
TE	Xavier	Grimble	62
LT	Ryan	Harris	73
LT	Alejandro	Villanueva	70
LT	Jerald	Hawkins	67
LG	Ramon	Foster	82
LG	Chris	Hubbard	67
C	Maurkice	Pouncey	88
C	B.J.	Finney	65
C	Cody	Wallace	65
C	Greg	Warren	65
C	Quinton	Schooley	59
RG	David	DeCastro	84
RT	Marcus	Gilbert	83
RT	Brian	Mihalik	65

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Cameron	Heyward	88
LE	Caushaud	Lyons	59
DT	Ricardo	Mathews	69
DT	Javon	Hargrave	68
DT	Daniel	McCullers	66
DT	Devaunte	Sigler	58
RE	Stephon	Tuitt	78
RE	Giorgio	Newberry	62
RE	L.T.	Walton	59
RE	Johnny	Maxey	57
LOLB	Arthur	Moats	78
LOLB	Bud	Dupree	70
LOLB	L.J.	Fort	68
LOLB	Travis	Feeney	62
MLB	Ryan	Shazier	79
MLB	Lawrence	Timmons	78
MLB	Vince	Williams	73
MLB	Steven	Johnson	68
MLB	Tyler	Matakevich	65
ROLB	James	Harrison	84
ROLB	Jarvis	Jones	73
ROLB	Jordan	Zumwalt	65
ROLB	Anthony	Chickillo	62
CB	William	Gay	82
CB	Ross	Cockrell	73
CB	Artie	Burns	72
CB	Senquez	Golson	71
CB	Doran	Grant	66
CB	Donald	Washington	65
FS	Mike	Mitchell	84
FS	Robert	Golden	74
SS	Shamarko	Thomas	72
SS	Sean	Davis	71
SS	Ross	Ventrone	64

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Shaun	Suisham	79
K	Chris	Boswell	77
P	Jordan	Berry	79
P	Will	Monday	68

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK Y TRIPS – HB DIVE

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Y Trips – HB Dive	Singleback Y Trips – HB Toss Strong	Strong Close – Quick Toss	Singleback Jumbo – Power O	Gun Tight Doubles On – HB Quick Base	Gun Y Trips Wk – HB Counter
Sinceback Ace Pair Flex – Zone Strong	Gun Split Close – FB Inside	I Form Pro – HB Slam	Singleback Jumbo – HB Dive	Gun Doubles – 01 Trap	Gun Y Trips Wk – Inside Zone
Gun Split Close – Power O	I Form Pro – Outside Zone	I Form Pro Twins – FB Dive	Singleback Jumbo – HB Toss	Gun Stack Offset Wk – Outside Zone	Gun Trips HB Wk – HB Base

BEST PASS: GUN SPLIT CLOSE – WR CORNER

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Split Close – WR Corner	Singleback Pitt Doubles – PA Steeler	Singleback Ace Pair Flex – WR Under	Singleback Pitt Doubles – Z Close Cross	Singleback Ace Pair Flex – Four Verticals	Gun Snugs – PA Pitt Cross
Gun Tight Doubles On – Flood Drive	Gun Stack Offset Wk – HB Slip Screen	Gun Wing Trio Steeler – WR Outs	Pistol Slot Wing – PA Deep Shot	Gun Y Trips Wk – Y Shallow Cross	Gun Trio – PA Slot Corner
Singleback Y Trips – Pitt Y Trail	Gun Y Trips Wk – Mesh	I Form Pro – HB Angle	Gun Split Close – Vertical Shots	Gun Snugs – Steeler Crosses	Gun Empty Steeler – Steelers Cross

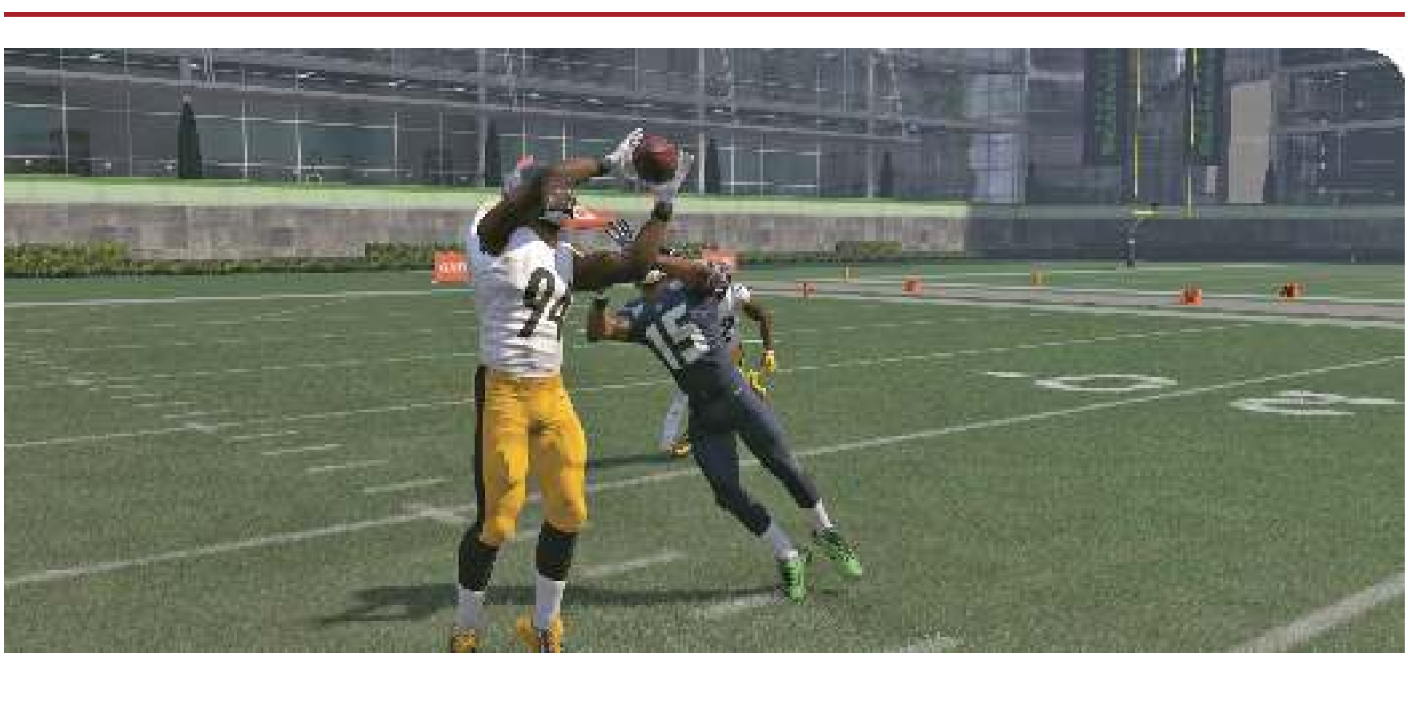
BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 34 ODD – CROSS 3 FIRE

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cross 3 Fire	34 Odd – Pinch Mike 0	34 Over – Trio Sky Zone	Goal Line 533 – Gaps All	Nickel 245 – SS Overload 3	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Nickel Dog 2
34 Odd – Pinch Dog 2 Press	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Over – Sting Pinch	Goal Line 542 – Sam Blitz	Nickel 245 – Safety Strong 3	Nickel 335 Wide – Mike Blitz 3

BEST PASS D: 34 ODD – COVER 3 HARD FLAT



PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 3 Hard Flat	34 Under – Cover 2 Hard Flat	34 Solid – Cover 4	44 Split – Cover 1	Nickel 245 – Cover 3 Match	Big Dime 236 Will – Max Sting 3
34 Under – Cover 6	34 Even – Cover 3 Cloud	34 Over – Cover 1 Hole	44 Split – Cover 2 Invert	Nickel 245 – Cover 3 Mable	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 2 Man

Teams
Houston Texans

GAMEPLAY RATING **85**

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

- Overall Team Rating: **82**
- Offense: **79**
- Defense: **89**
- Offensive Scheme: **Balanced Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 3-4**
- Strengths: **WR, HB, LOLB**
- Weaknesses: **LG, TE, LE**

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

- 1st AFC South (9-7-0)
- Passing Offense: **18th**
- Rushing Offense: **15th**
- Passing Defense: **3rd**
- Rushing Defense: **10th**

2015 TEAM LEADERS

- Passing: **Brian Hoyer: 2,606**
- Rushing: **Alfred Blue: 698**
- Receiving: **DeAndre Hopkins: 1,521**
- Tackles: **Brian Cushing: 110**
- Sacks: **J.J. Watt: 17.5**
- INTS: **Andre Hal: 4**

KEY ADDITIONS

- HB Lamar Miller
- LOLB Whitney Mercilus
- FS Antonio Allen

KEY ROOKIES

- WR Will Fuller V
- C Nick Martin
- K Ka'imi Fairbairn

COACH

- Bill O'Brian
- Level: **8**
- Offensive Scheme: **Balanced Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Attacking 3-4**

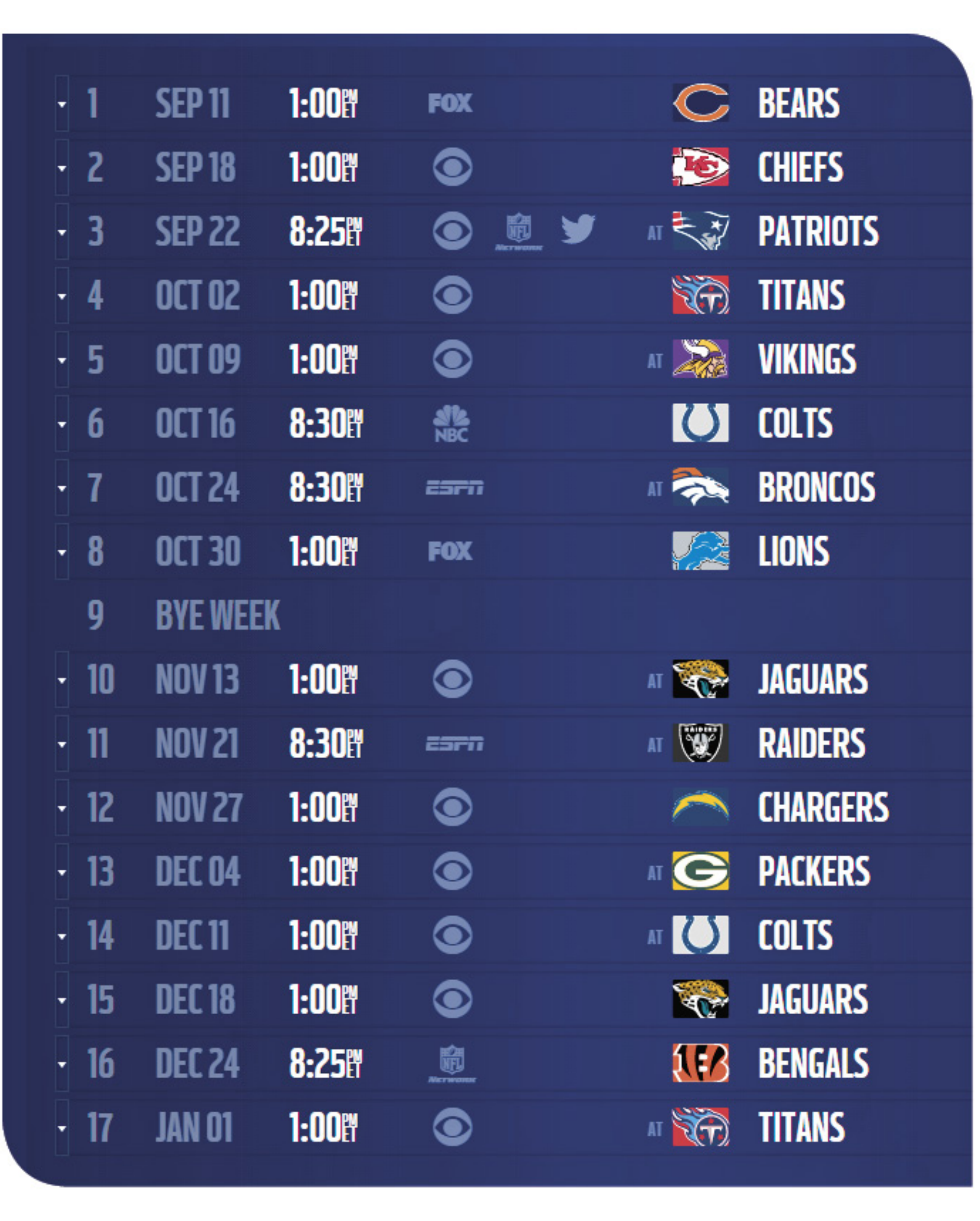
OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Texans still need to find a long-term starting QB. Although they brought in Brock Osweiler, you should look for other options in the draft and free agency.
- With the loss of HB Arian Foster, the Texans must look to Lamar Miller and see if he can pick up the slack. The team will need a new rushing leader and as long as he can stay healthy, there might be a chance for something great to happen.
- DeAndre Hopkins has shown excellent skill and just needs a more consistent chemistry at QB to really take things to the next level.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- J.J. Watt had yet another amazing season last year with a total of 17.5 sacks. This should make life for his teammates easy on the defensive side of the ball. Keep moving him around to keep offenses guessing.
- The LBs for the Texans are solid pass rushers off the edge and should continue to improve nicely. Build around Brian Cushing in the middle. That's one spot that can't afford to take an injury.
- The Texans have the makings of a solid secondary, but lack a true identity. Try playing heavy Cover 2 early in the season and using shading to get the most out of your players.

SCHEDULE



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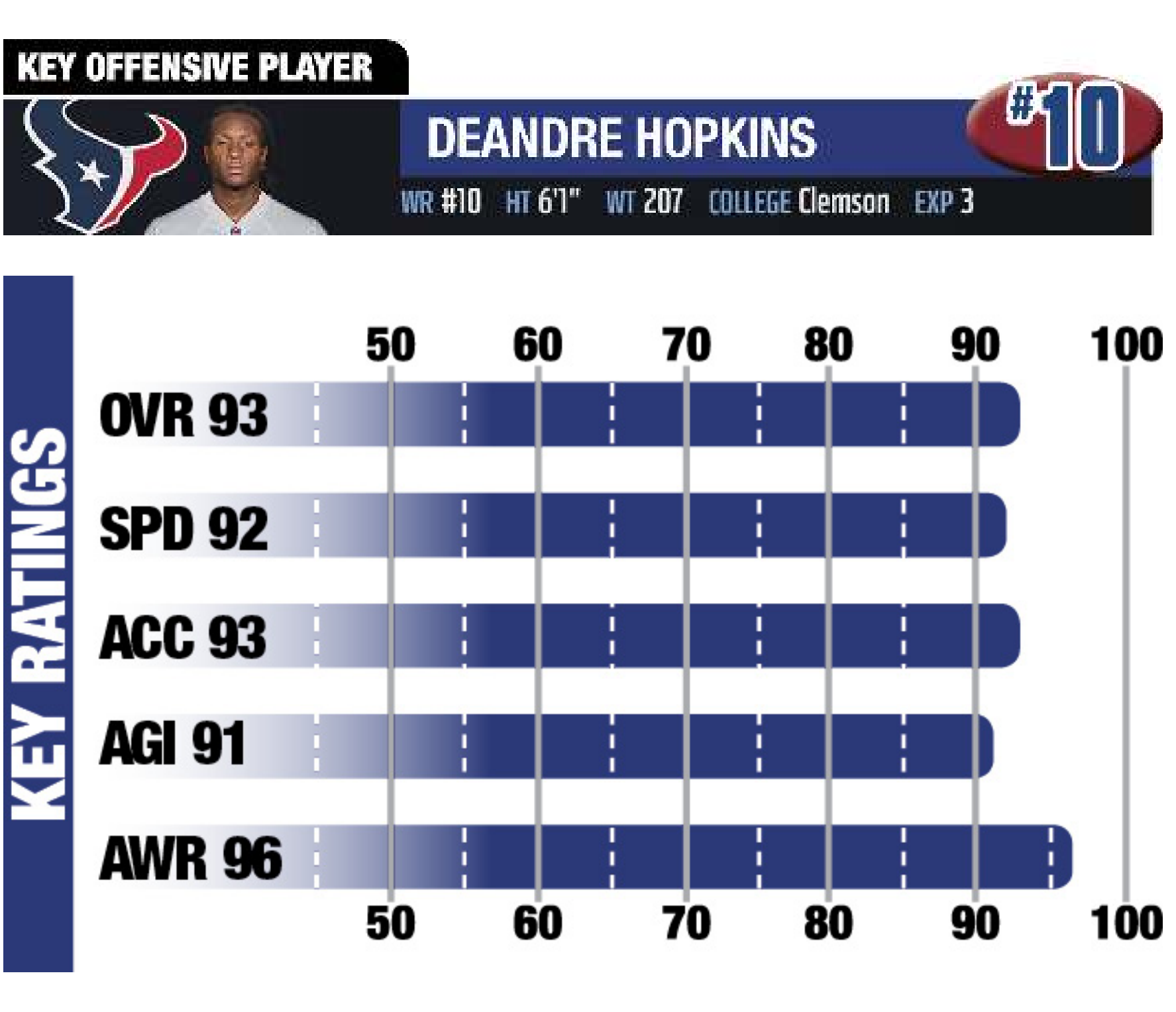
KEY PLAYERS

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

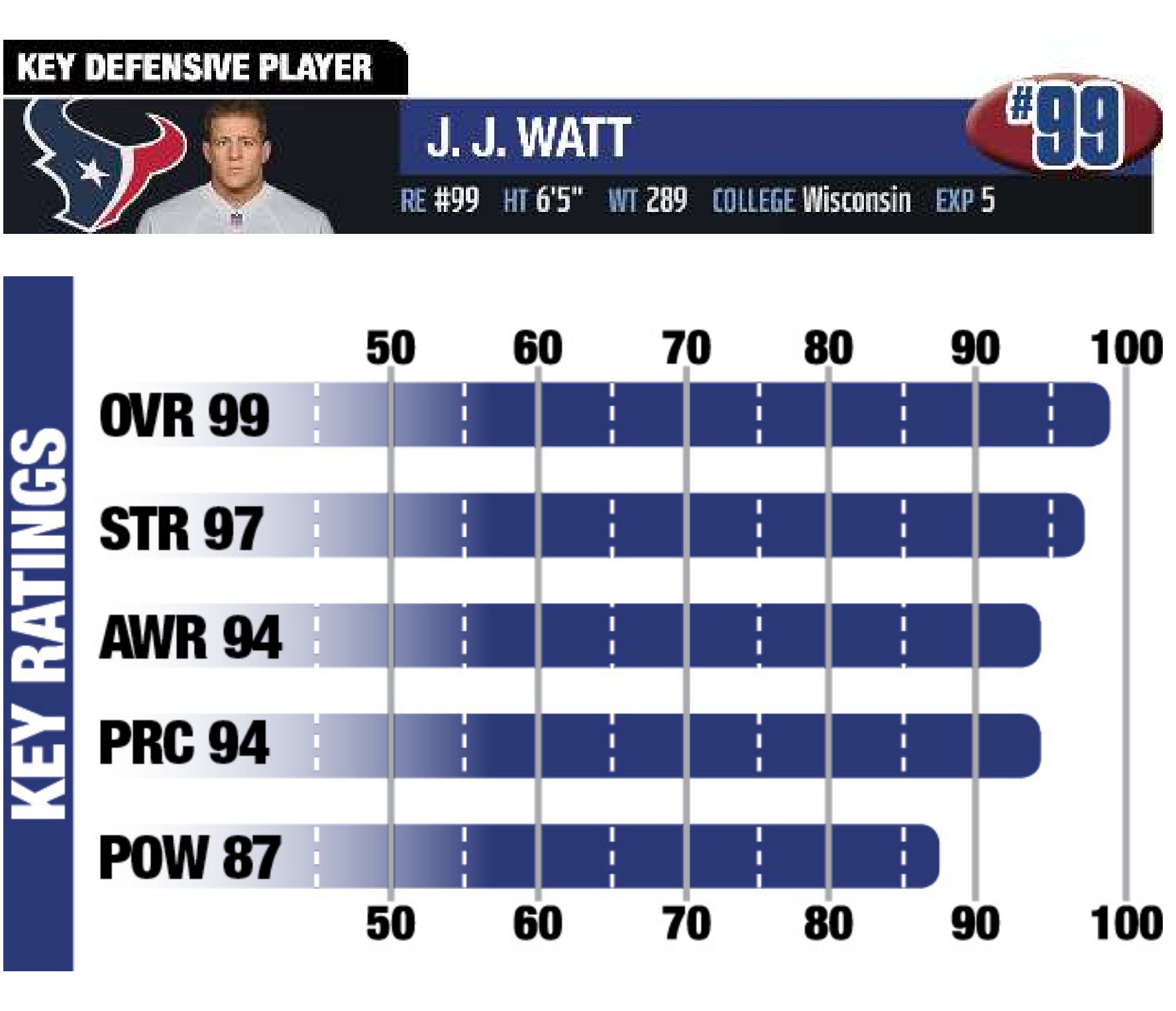


DEANDRE HOPKINS #10

WR #10 HT 6'1" WT 207 COLLEGE Clemson EXP 3

- Hopkins is arguably one of the best WRs in the league and it would be surprising to see less than 1,200 yards a season from him.
- Hopkins has everything you can ask for from a WR. Work on his route running and always keep an eye out for him to be your first option.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

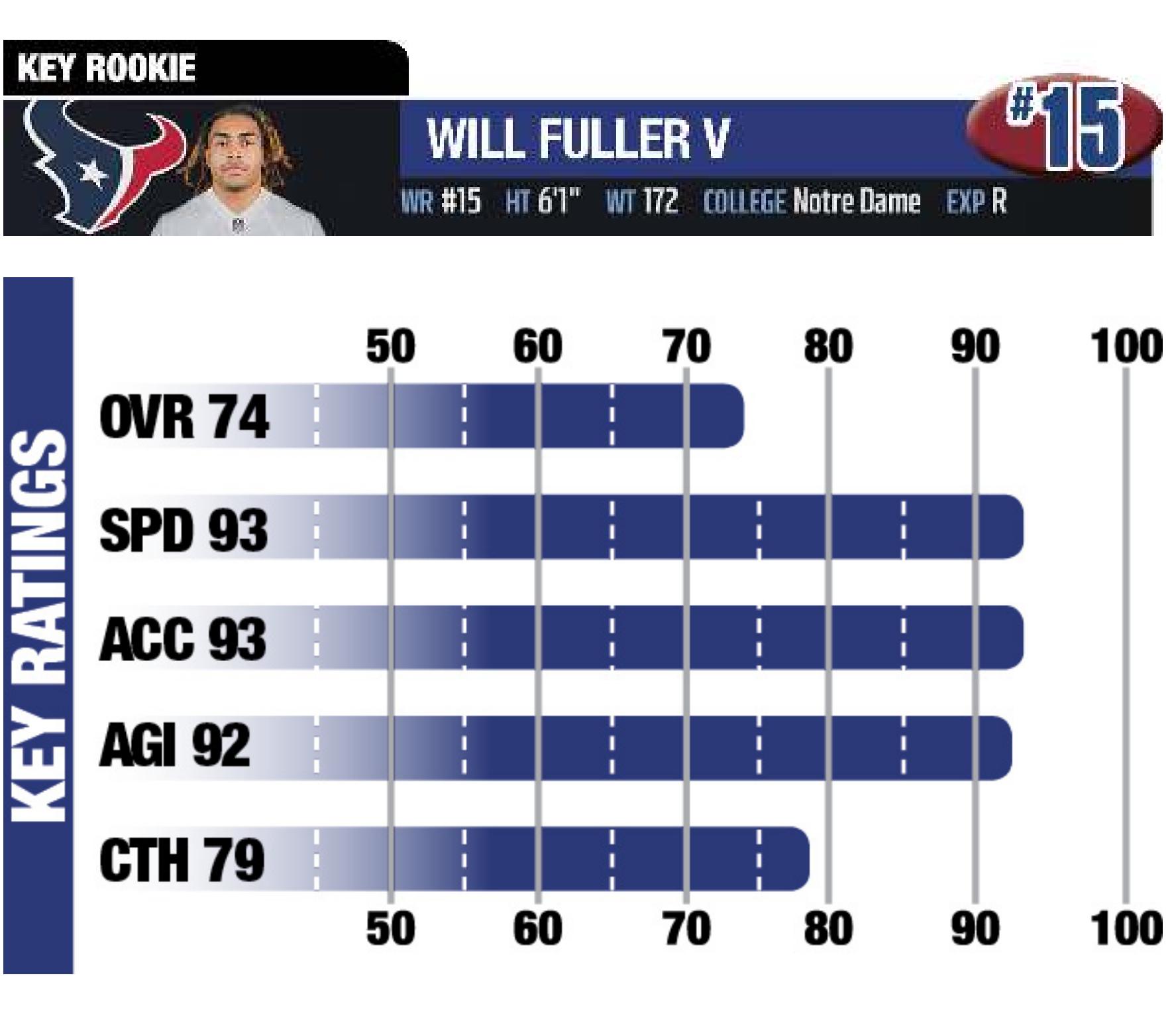


J. J. WATT #99

RE #99 HT 6'5" WT 289 COLLEGE Wisconsin EXP 5

- Watt is not only one of the best, but also one of the most versatile linemen in the game.
- Continue to build your defense around him. He is locked up for the long term.

KEY ROOKIE

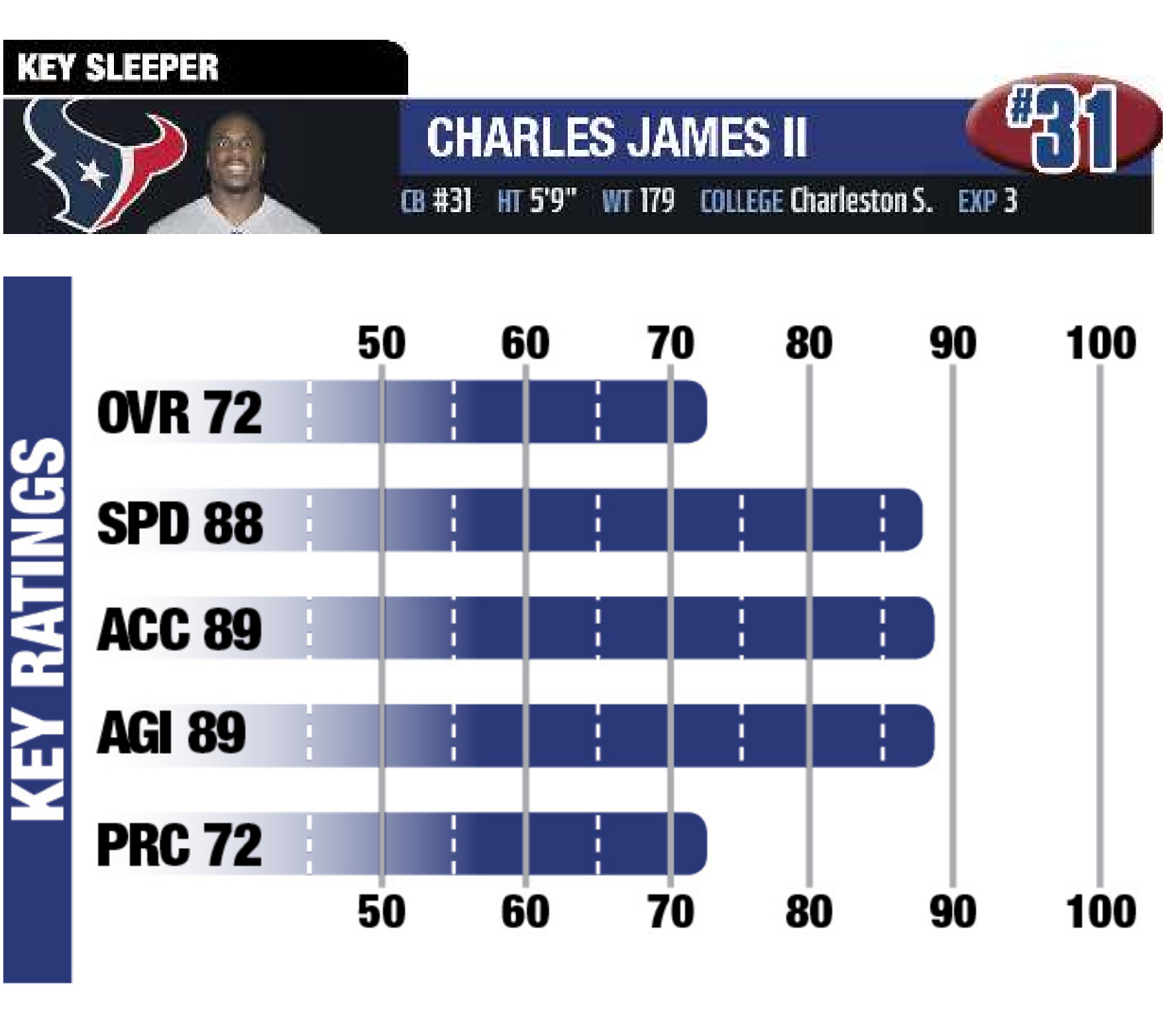


WILL FULLER V #15

WR #15 HT 6'1" WT 172 COLLEGE Notre Dame EXP R

- Work on Fuller's Spectacular Catch and Catch in Traffic ratings and turn him into a major red zone threat.
- Fuller could use a little more awareness on the field, but that may come from him being a rookie. Work on this a little and expect him to do well.

KEY SLEEPER



CHARLES JAMES II #31

CB #31 HT 5'9" WT 179 COLLEGE Charleston S. EXP 3

- James is a smart player who is well balanced. Keep developing his zone coverage and find him some time on the field in quarter formations.
- James can also be used as a returner on special teams if you need an option back there.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Brock	Osweiler	77
QB	Brandon	Weeden	72
QB	Tom	Savage	65
HB	Lamar	Miller	88
HB	Alfred	Blue	76
HB	Jonathan	Grimes	73
HB	Tyler	Ervin	67
HB	Akeem	Hunt	64
HB	Kenny	Hilliard	62
FB	Jay	Prosch	81
WR	DeAndre	Hopkins	93
WR	Will	Fuller V	74
WR	Cecil	Shorts III	74
WR	Jaelen	Strong	73
WR	Braxton	Miller	71
WR	Keith	Mumphery	63
WR	Josh	Lenz	58
TE	C.J.	Fiedorowicz	77
TE	Ryan	Griffin	72
TE	Eric	Tomlinson	64
TE	Stephen	Anderson	63
TE	Jon	Weeks	50
LT	Duane	Brown	86
LT	Chris	Clark	75
LT	Andrew	McDonald	71
LG	Xavier	Su'a-Filo	71
LG	Chad	Slade	63
C	Tony	Bergstrom	72
C	Nick	Martin	72
C	Dalton	Freeman	69
C	Greg	Mancz	63
RG	Jeff	Allen	77
RG	Oday	Aboushi	68
RG	Karim	Barton	60
RT	Derek	Newton	80
RT	Jeff	Adams	73
RT	Kendall	Lamm	67

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Brandon	Dunn	59
LE	Ufomba	Kamalu	59
LE	Joel	Heath	57
DT	Vince	Wilfork	84
DT	Devon	Still	70
DT	Christian	Covington	66
DT	D.J.	Reader	65
RE	J.J.	Watt	99
RE	Jeoffrey	Pagan	63
LOLB	Whitney	Mercilus	88
LOLB	Carlos	Thompson	62
MLB	Brian	Cushing	81
MLB	Benardrick	McKinney	77
MLB	Akeem	Dent	74
MLB	Max	Bullough	68
MLB	Brian	Peters	61
MLB	Reshard	Cliett	54
ROLB	Jadeveon	Clowney	83
ROLB	John	Simon	74
ROLB	Gerald	Rivers	61
CB	Johnathan	Joseph	91
CB	Kareem	Jackson	78
CB	Kevin	Johnson	74
CB	A.J.	Bouye	73
CB	Charles	James II	72
CB	Robert	Nelson	67
FS	Antonio	Allen	79
FS	Andre	Hal	77
FS	Lonnie	Ballentine	68
SS	Quintin	Demps	75
SS	Eddie	Pleasant	70
SS	K.J.	Dillon	67
SS	Kurtis	Drummond	67
SS	Corey	Moore	62

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Nick	Novak	81
K	Ka'imi	Fairbairn	71
P	Shane	Lechler	77

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK ACE – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Split Texan – HB Power O	I Form Pro – Inside Zone	Strong Pro – HB Dive	Singleback Bunch Base – Quick Pitch	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Buck Sweep	Gun Wing Trips Wk – Inside Zone
Strong Pro – HB Off Tackle	Weak Pro Twins – HB Blast	Singleback Jumbo Z – HB Smash	Goal Line – Strong Toss	Strong Pro – HB Cntr Wk	Gun Trips TE – Inside Zone
Singleback Tight Doubles – HB Dive	I Form Tight Pair – Strong Stretch	Singleback Jumbo Z – HB Pitch	Goal Line – HB Sting	Gun Tight Doubles On – HB Quick Base	Gun Spread Y Slot – HB Power

BEST PASS: SINGLEBACK Y-TRIPS TEXAN – WR POST

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Tight Doubles – Texan Drag In	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Mesh	Strong Pro – PA Scissors	Gun Trips TE – PA Shot Wheel	Gun Trips TE – PA Slot Corner	Gun Wing Trips Wk - Four Verticals
Gun Split Texan – WR Corners	Singleback Ace Twins – PA FL Stretch	Strong Pro – Spacing	Gun Wing Trips Wk – HB Wheel Shot	Gun Tight Doubles On – Cross Wheels	Gun Trips TE – Texan Deep In
Gun Tight Doubles On – Flood Drive	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Y Shallow Cross	Strong Pro – Z Mtn F Trail	Gun Wing Trips Wk – Shot Post	Singleback Y Trips Texan – Texan Y Trail	Gun Spread Y Slot – PA TE Wheel

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 34 ODD – COVER 4 MIKE

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 4 Mike	34 Odd – Cross 3 Fire	34 Solid – Gap Press	Goal Line 542 – Sam Blitz	Nickel 335 Will – Overload Blitz	Big Dime 236 – Silver Shoot Pinch
34 Odd – Pinch Buck 0	34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Solid – Clamp Double Go	Goal Line 533 – 60 Double Blitz	Nickel 335 Will – Cover 4	Nickel 335 Will – Over Storm Brave

BEST PASS D: 34 ODD – COVER 4 DROP SHOW 2

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Cover 4 Drop Show 2	Nickel 335 Will – Buck Slant Show 2	Nickel 335 Will – Overload 3 Seam	34 Over – Cover 3 Buzz Mike	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 4 Drop	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 3 Match
Nickel 335 Will – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel 335 Will – Cover 3 Cloud	Nickel 335 Will – Cover 1 Hole	34 Over – Cover 2 Hard Flat	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 2 Hard Flat	Big Dime 236 Will – Cover 2 Man

Teams
Tennessee Titans

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

- Overall Team Rating: **82**
- Offense: **83**
- Defense: **85**
- Offensive Scheme: **Balanced Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Zone Blitz 3-4**
- Strengths: **TE, FB, RE**
- Weaknesses: **RT, LG, LE**

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

- 4th AFC South (3-13-0)
- Passing Offense: **25th**
- Rushing Offense: **25th**
- Passing Defense: **7th**
- Rushing Defense: **18th**

2015 TEAM LEADERS

- Passing: **Marcus Mariota: 2,818**
- Rushing: **Antonio Andrews: 520**
- Receiving: **Delanie Walker: 1,088**
- Tackles: **Avery Williamson: 102**
- Sacks: **Jurrell Casey: 7**
- INTS: **Zach Brown: 2**

KEY ADDITIONS

- HB DeMarco Murray
- FS Rashad Johnson
- TE Anthony Fasano

KEY ROOKIES

- RT Jack Conklin
- HB Henry Derrick
- ROLB Kevin Dodd

COACH

- Mike Mularkey
- Level: **2**
- Offensive Scheme: **Balanced Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Zone Blitz 3-4**

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Invest all of your resources into making rookie QB Marcus Mariota the face of the franchise. His talent will allow you to run a unique offensive scheme.
- Bishop Sankey turned in a decent rookie campaign at HB last season, and hopefully the new QB and offensive system will allow him to continue to improve. Remember that he's an elusive-style back with some hands despite his solid strength.
- Justin Hunter is a good physical receiver, but give the snaps to Green-Beckham and see what he can become. Use Kendall Wright and Harry Douglas as your best targets over the middle, and look to pick up yards after the catch.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- Derrick Morgan rushing off the edge as a LB should be a nice change of pace for the defense. Use his power moves and acceleration to get after the QB. Pairing him with LE Ropati Pitoitua will protect him in the run game, and they will make a great combo.
- Having the veteran LB Brian Orakpo provides an excellent opportunity. He's the perfect fit for the Titans' defensive scheme. Keep him together with Jurrell Casey to give extra support in the run game. Don't give up on your young MLBs, because their speed is excellent.
- The Titans' secondary is average, so try to draft a safety who can allow your defense to take more chances. CB Jason McCourty is still the leader and has solid speed. He can even get in on the run game and make some tackles.

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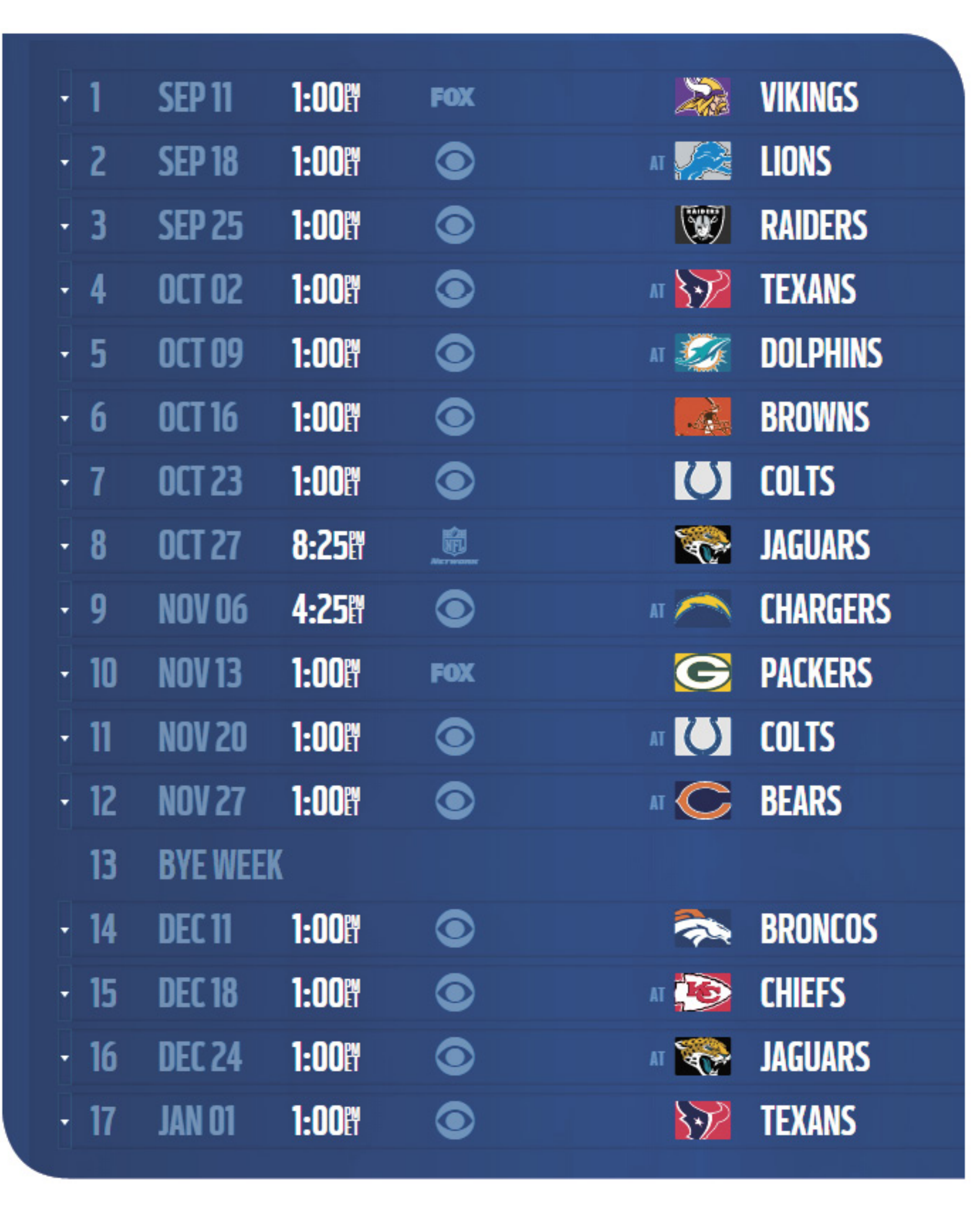

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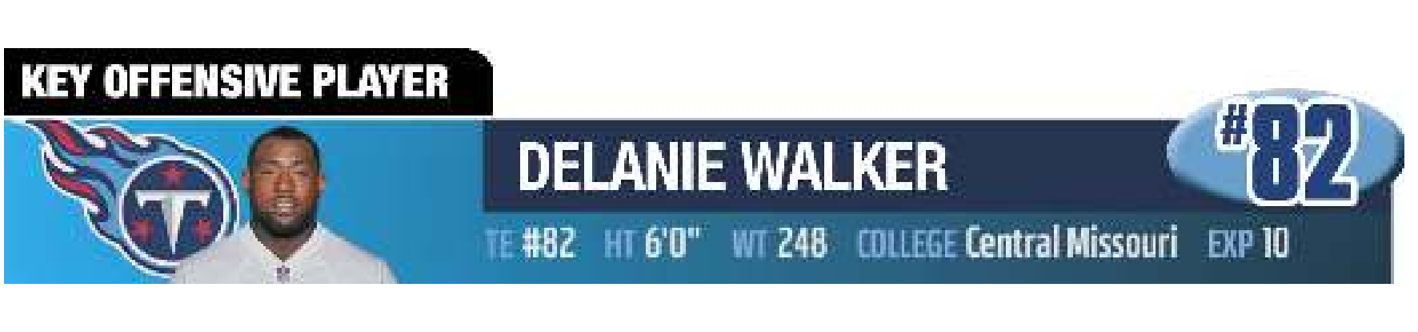
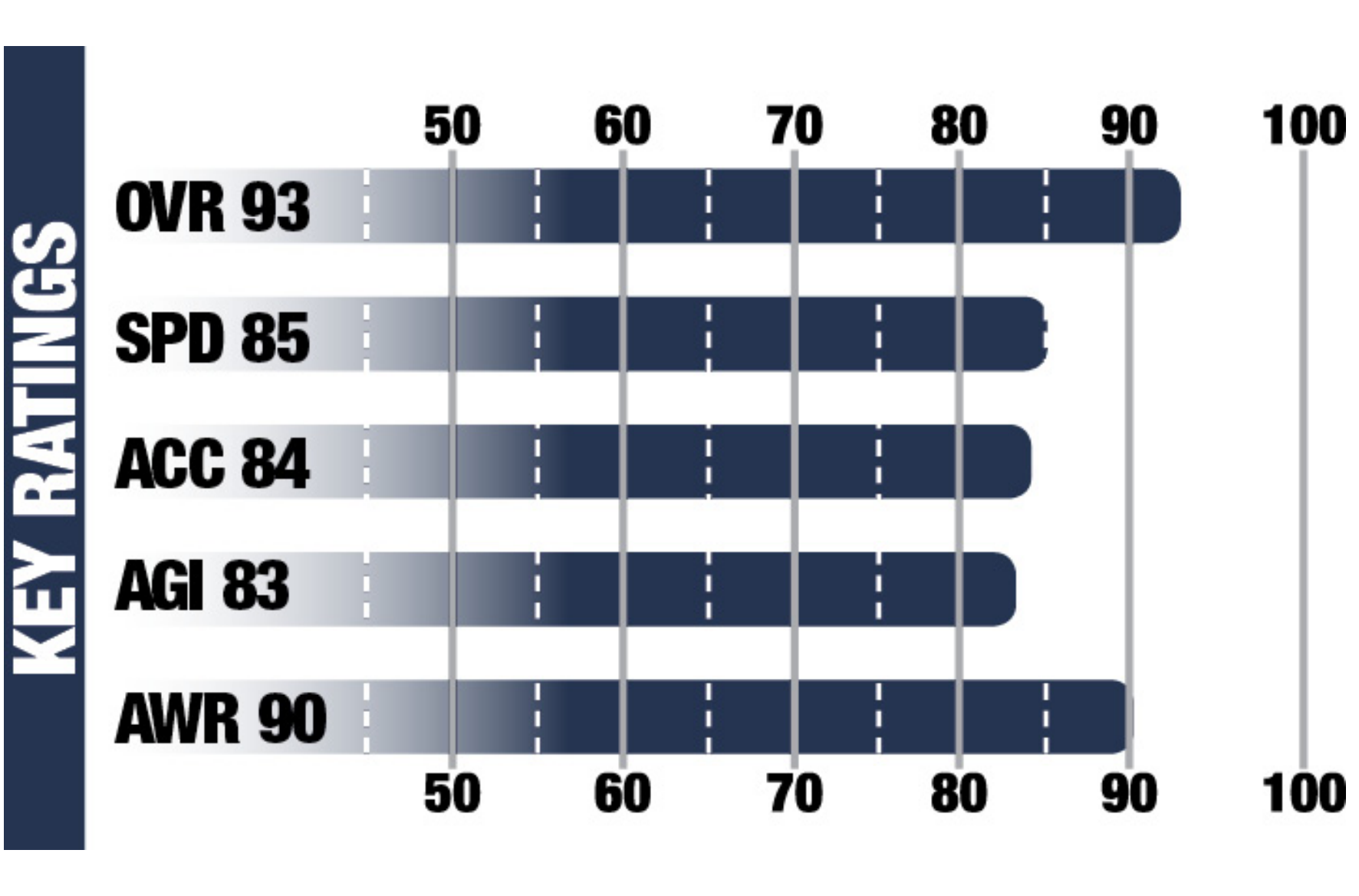


KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYER

DELANIE WALKER #82

TE #82 HT 6'0" WT 248 COLLEGE Central Missouri EXP 10

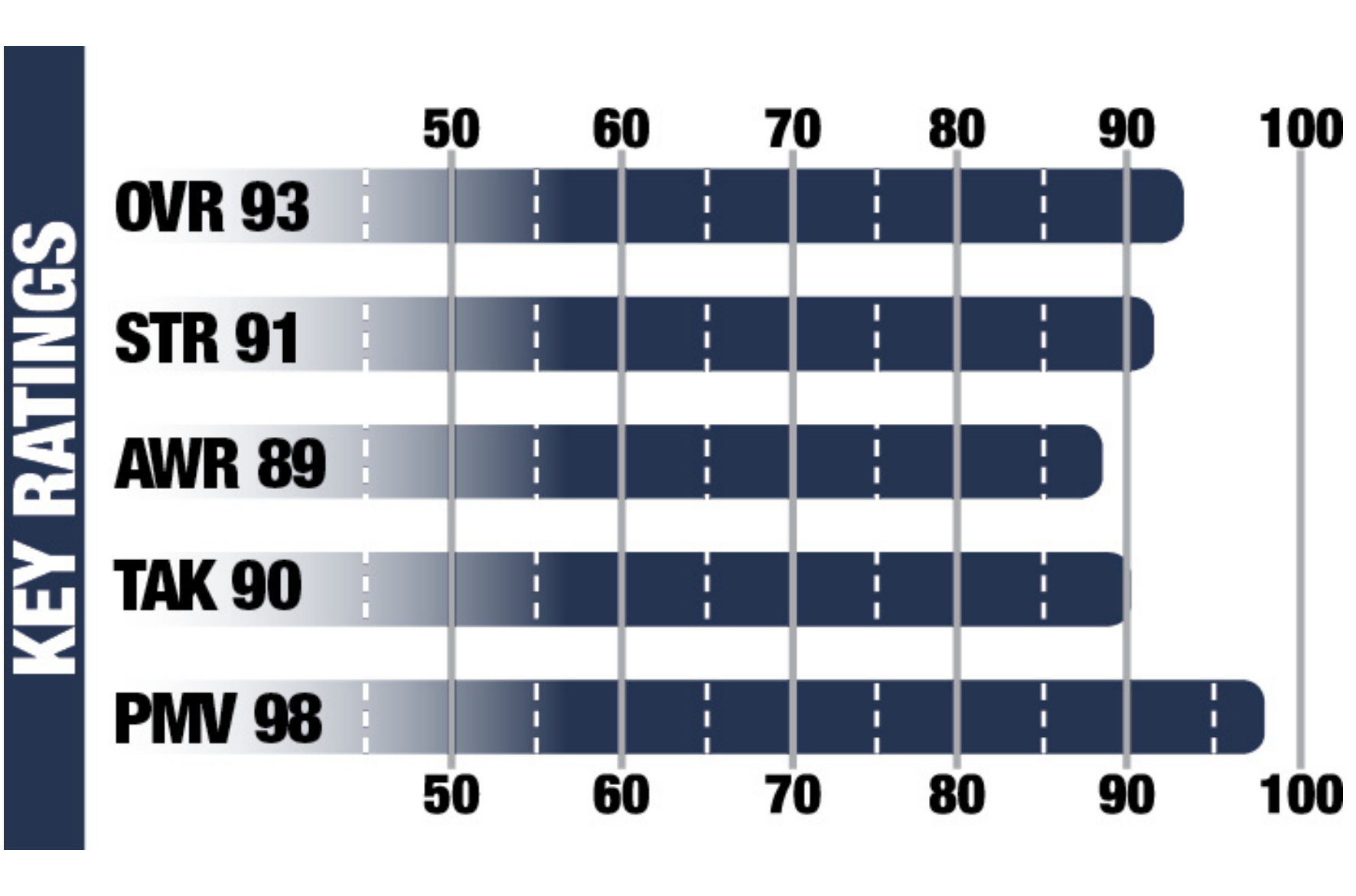


- Walker isn't the biggest or fastest target, but he can consistently find holes in the defense.
- Walker is one of the best run blockers in the game at the TE spot.

KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER

JURRELL CASEY #99

RE #99 HT 6'1" WT 305 COLLEGE USC EXP 5

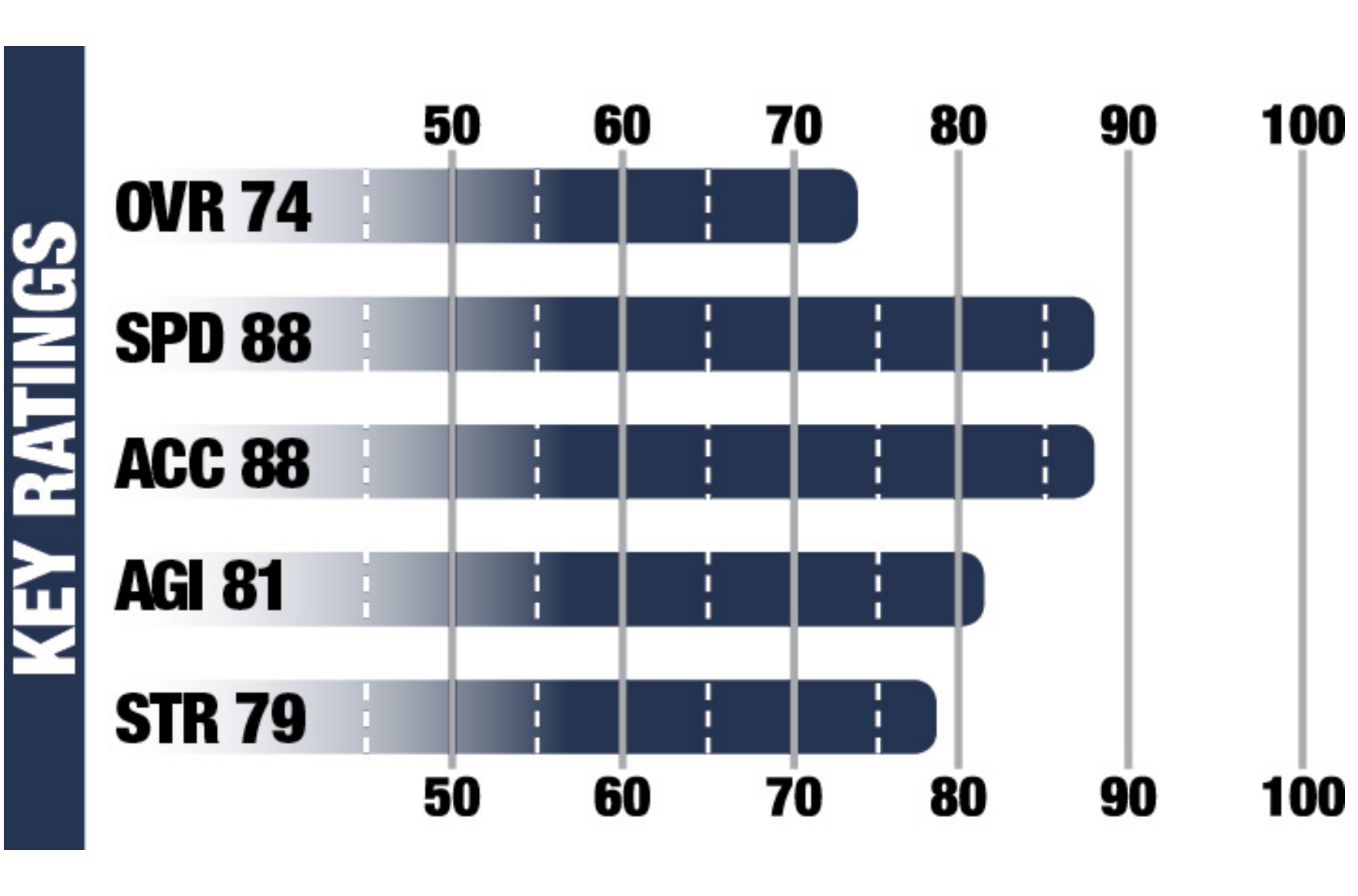


- Casey doesn't have the biggest frame on the team, but he's still extremely strong against the run and pass.
- Slide Casey inside on passing situations to keep him on the field.

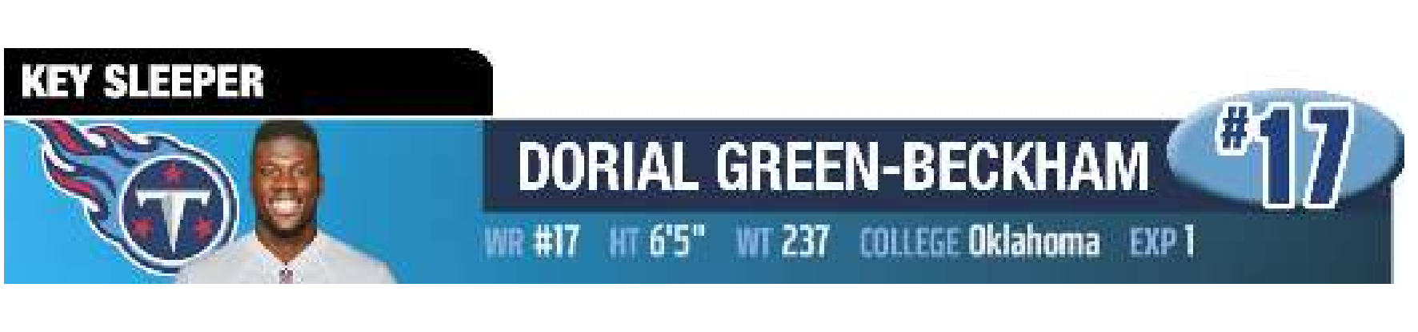
KEY ROOKIE

DERRICK HENRY #2

HB #2 HT 6'3" WT 247 COLLEGE Alabama EXP R



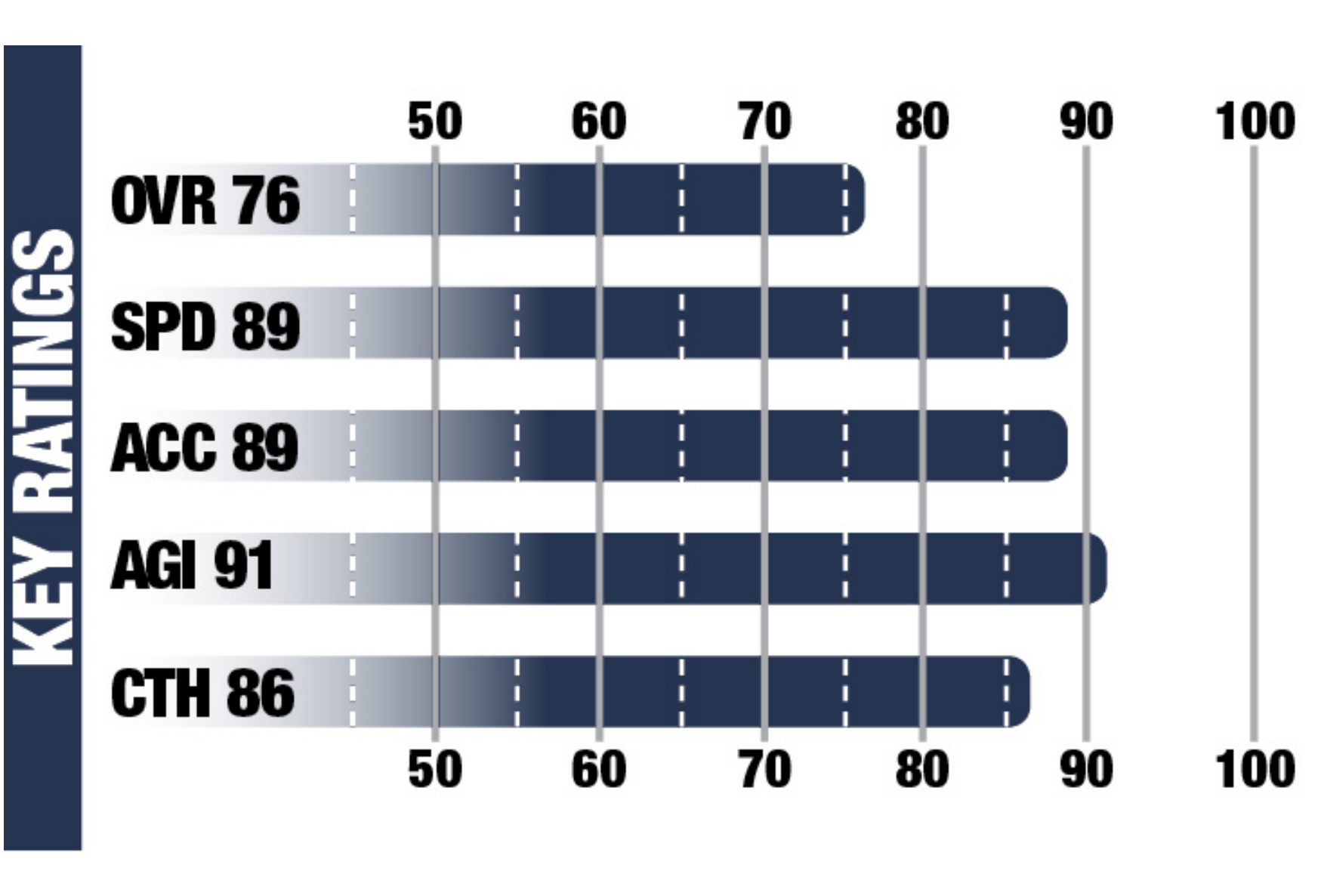
- Work on Henry's catch to use him on the short pass.
- The Titans need a solid back. Continue to work with Henry and use his youth to turn him into a perfect fit for your scheme.



KEY SLEEPER

DORIAL GREEN-BECKHAM #17

WR #17 HT 6'5" WT 237 COLLEGE Oklahoma EXP 1



- Green-Beckham has the size to become a TD-scoring machine at the next level.
- Continue to develop his route running to turn him into a threat all over the field.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Marcus	Mariota	79
QB	Matt	Cassel	70
QB	Alex	Tanney	63
HB	DeMarco	Murray	83
HB	Antonio	Andrews	76
HB	Derrick	Henry	74
HB	Dexter	McCluster	73
HB	Bishop	Sankey	73
HB	David	Cobb	70
HB	David	Fluellen	64
FB	Jalston	Fowler	88
WR	Rishard	Matthews	79
WR	Kendall	Wright	79
WR	Dorial	Green-Beckham	76
WR	Harry	Douglas	73
WR	Justin	Hunter	71
WR	Tajae	Sharpe	69
WR	Tre	McBride	65
WR	Andrew	Turzilli	59
TE	Delanie	Walker	93
TE	Anthony	Fasano	80
TE	Craig	Stevens	80
TE	Phillip	Supernaw	72
TE	Jerome	Cunningham	66
TE	Beau	Brinkley	54
LT	Taylor	Lewan	84
LG	Byron	Bell	70
LG	Jeremiah	Poutasi	68
LG	Quinton	Spain	68
C	Ben	Jones	74
C	Brian	Schwenke	71
C	Andy	Gallik	64
RG	Chance	Warmack	75
RG	Sebastian	Tretola	64
RG	Josue	Matias	63
RT	Jack	Conklin	79

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	DaQuan	Jones	68
LE	Ropati	Pitoitua	67
LE	Mehdi	Abdesmad	60
DT	Al	Woods	74
DT	Austin	Johnson	70
RE	Jurrell	Casey	93
RE	Karl	Klug	73
RE	Angelo	Blackson	61
LOLB	Derrick	Morgan	81
LOLB	Deiontrez	Mount	63
LOLB	Justin	Staples	58
MLB	Wesley	Woodyard	87
MLB	Avery	Williamson	78
MLB	Sean	Spence	72
MLB	Nate	Palmer	65
ROLB	Brian	Orakpo	87
ROLB	Kevin	Dodd	73
ROLB	David	Bass	66
ROLB	Aaron	Wallace	65
ROLB	J.R.	Tavai	59
CB	Jason	McCourty	80
CB	Perrish	Cox	78
CB	Brice	McCain	78
CB	Cody	Riggs	72
CB	Blidi	Wreh-Wilson	71
CB	B.W.	Webb	66
CB	LeShaun	Sims	64
CB	Kalan	Reed	61
FS	Rashad	Johnson	82
FS	Antwon	Blake	75
FS	Marqueston	Huff	72
SS	Da'Norris	Searcy	85
SS	Kevin	Byard	71
SS	Daimion	Stafford	69
SS	Josh	Aubrey	67
SS	Lamarcus	Brutus	61

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Ryan	Succop	81
P	Brett	Kern	85

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: SINGLEBACK DEUCE CLOSE – HB STRETCH

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Singleback Deuce Close – HB Stretch	I Form Pro Twins – HB Blast	I Form Pro Twins – HB Toss	I Form Tight Pair – Power O	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Inside Zone	Gun Tight Flex – HB Draw
Gun Y Trips Open – Inside Zone	Gun Y Trips HB Wk – Shovel Option	I Form Tight – Power O	I Form Tight Pair – Iso	Gun DBLS Y Flex Offset – Outside Zone	Gun Y Trips Open – Outside Zone
Singleback Bunch Ace – Inside Zone	Weak Close – HB Gut	Weak Close – FB Dive	I Form Tight Pair – HB Toss	Pistol Y Trips – HB Counter	Gun Trey Y Flex – Read Option

BEST PASS: GUN BUNCH WK - MESH

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Bunch Wk – Mesh	Singleback Pair Tight Twins – Under	Singleback Deuce Close – TE Angle	Gun Tight Flex – PA Post Shot	I Form Pro Twins – Post Wheel Shot	Gun DBLS Y Flex Offset – Fork Wheel
Gun Tight Flex – Inside Hi Lo	I Form Pro Twins – FB Flare	Weak Close – Mesh	Pistol Y Trips – PA Wheel	Gun Trey Y Flex – Verticals	Gun Trey Open – Post Hitch Post
Gun Trips Open – Corner Strike	Gun Trey Y Flex – Levels Sail	Pistol Y Trips – Slot Drive	Gun Trips TE – PA Boot Shot	Gun Tight Flex – Double Spot	Gun Y Trips Open – WR

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 34 ODD – PINCH DOG 3

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Pinch Dog 3	34 Over – Sting Pinch Zone	34 Over – Sting Pinch	34 Odd – Pinch Buck 0	Nickel 245 – DBL Safety Blitz	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Cover 1 Hole
34 Odd – Cover 4 Mike	34 Even – Cov 1 QB Contain	34 Even – Will Fire 3 Seam	44 Split – Cover 2 Invert	Nickel 245 DBL A Gap – Mid Blitz	Big Dime 236 Will – Max Sting 3

BEST PASS D: 34 ODD – TAMPA 2

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
34 Odd – Tampa 2	34 Odd – Cover 2 Hard Flat	34 Solid – Cover 4	44 Split – Cover 3	Nickel 245 – Cover 3 Match	Quarter 137 – Cover 2 Man Spy
34 Under – Cover 6	34 Over – Cover 3 Match	Nickel 245 – Overload 3	44 Split – Cover 1	Nickel 245 – Cover 9 Show 2	Quarter 137 – Cover 4 Drop

Minnesota Vikings

GAMEPLAY RATING 85

FRANCHISE MODE STRATEGY

- Overall Team Rating: **82**
- Offense: **81**
- Defense: **87**
- Offensive Scheme: **Vertical Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Base 4-3**
- Strengths: **HB, RT, DT**
- Weaknesses: **FB, WR, MLB**

2015 TEAM RANKINGS

- 1st NFC North (11-5-0)
- Passing Offense: **31st**
- Rushing Offense: **4th**
- Passing Defense: **12th**
- Rushing Defense: **17th**

2015 TEAM LEADERS

- Passing: **Teddy Bridgewater: 3,231**
- Rushing: **Adrian Peterson: 1,485**
- Receiving: **Stefon Diggs: 720**
- Tackles: **Eric Kendricks: 92**
- Sacks: **Everson Griffen: 10.5**
- INTS: **Terence Newman: 3**

KEY ADDITIONS

- RG Alex Boone
- RE Brian Robinson
- FS Michael Griffin

KEY ROOKIES

- CB Mackensie Alexander
- WR Laquon Treadwell
- LG Willie Beavers

COACH

- Mike Zimmer
- Level: **8**
- Offensive Scheme: **Vertical Offense**
- Defensive Scheme: **Base 4-3**

OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- QB Teddy Bridgewater had a solid season last year and proved he has accuracy across all ranges of the field. Develop his throwing power to allow him to take shots downfield to your speedy WRs.
- HB Adrian Peterson will take all the pressure off the offense this season and should be allowed to carry the load. For the future, allow Jerick McKinnon the chance to spell Peterson. He showed some flashes of speed last season.
- Work on improving the route running of Charles Johnson, Jarius Wright, and Cordarrelle Patterson if they are going to excel in this scheme. They all have the speed. This is a big season for Kyle Rudolph, who must justify a big contract. Let him become a go-to option on third down.

DEFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

- The Vikings' defensive line might have some trouble winning the trench battle against power run teams, but they will generate plenty of pressure in the passing game without blitzing anyone. Move DT Linval Joseph to wherever the point of attack is in the run game and he will slow it down.
- While MLB Eric Kendricks is a scheme fit for the Vikings' defense, consider giving him some time to develop before he starts. Play mostly nickel coverage and allow young and athletic LB Anthony Barr to play next to Emmanuel Lamur.
- FS Harrison Smith has turned into a legit star with a nose for the football. Let him use his tremendous zone coverage to help out his teammates, who are all a perfect scheme fit for the Vikings.

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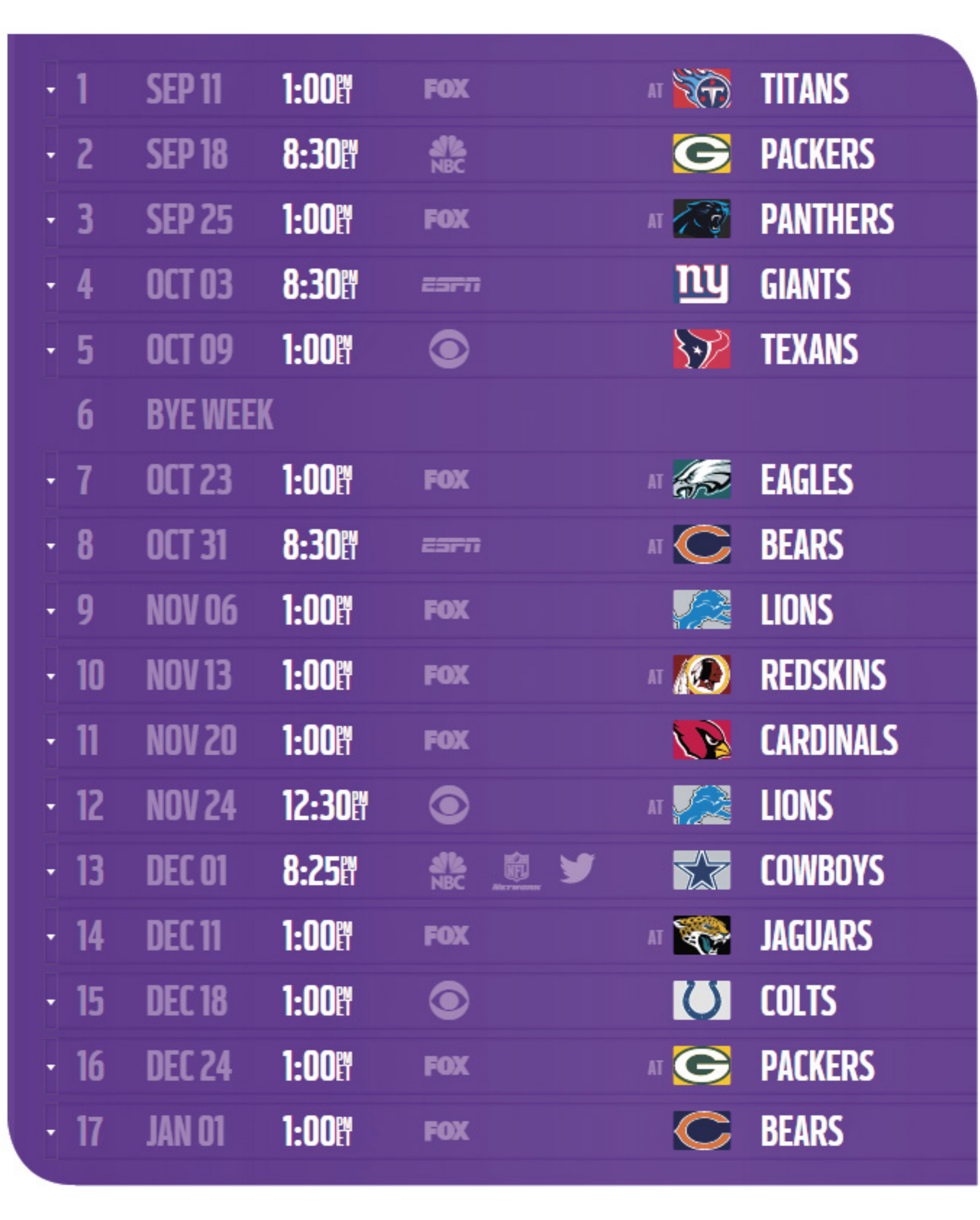

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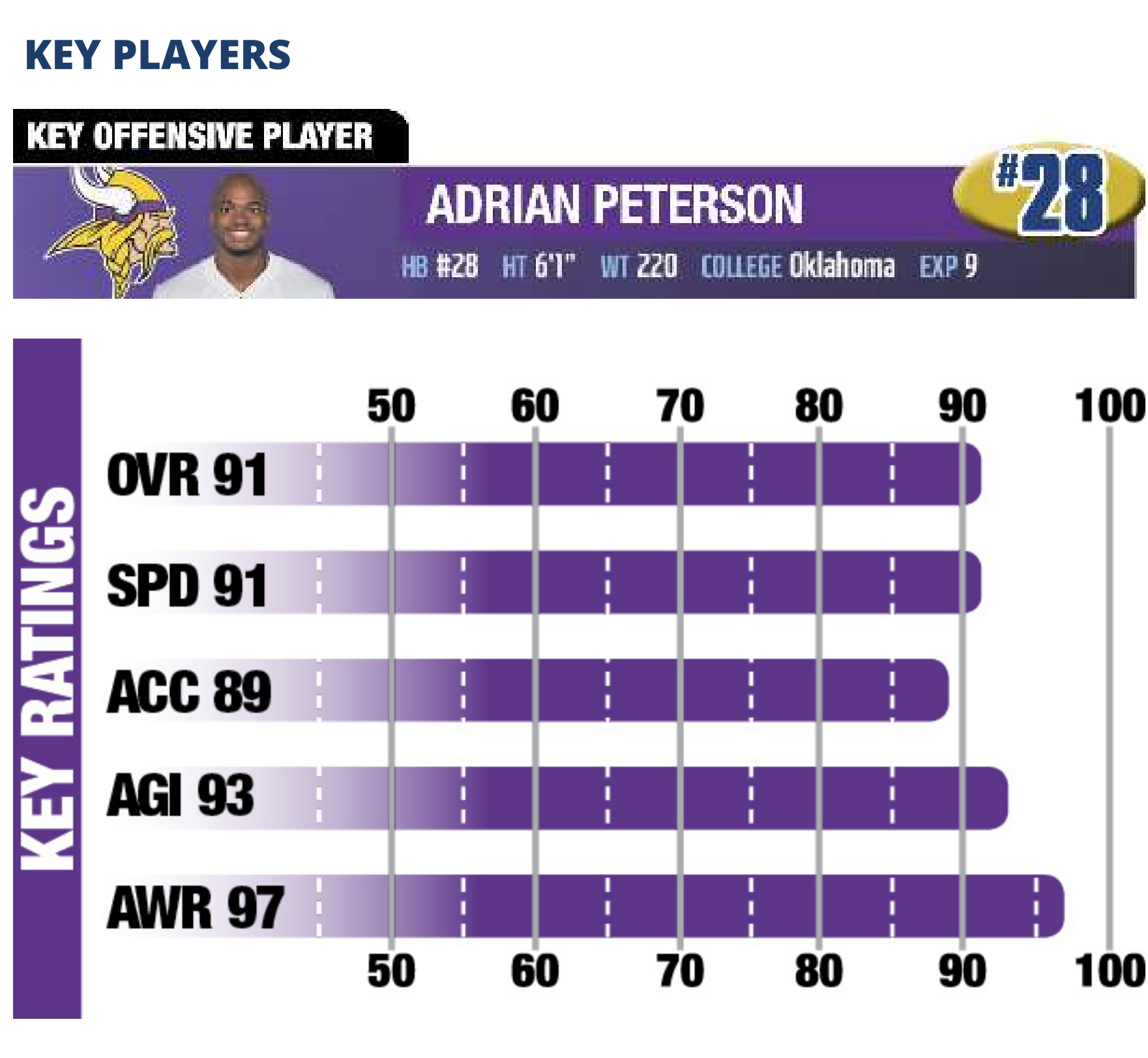
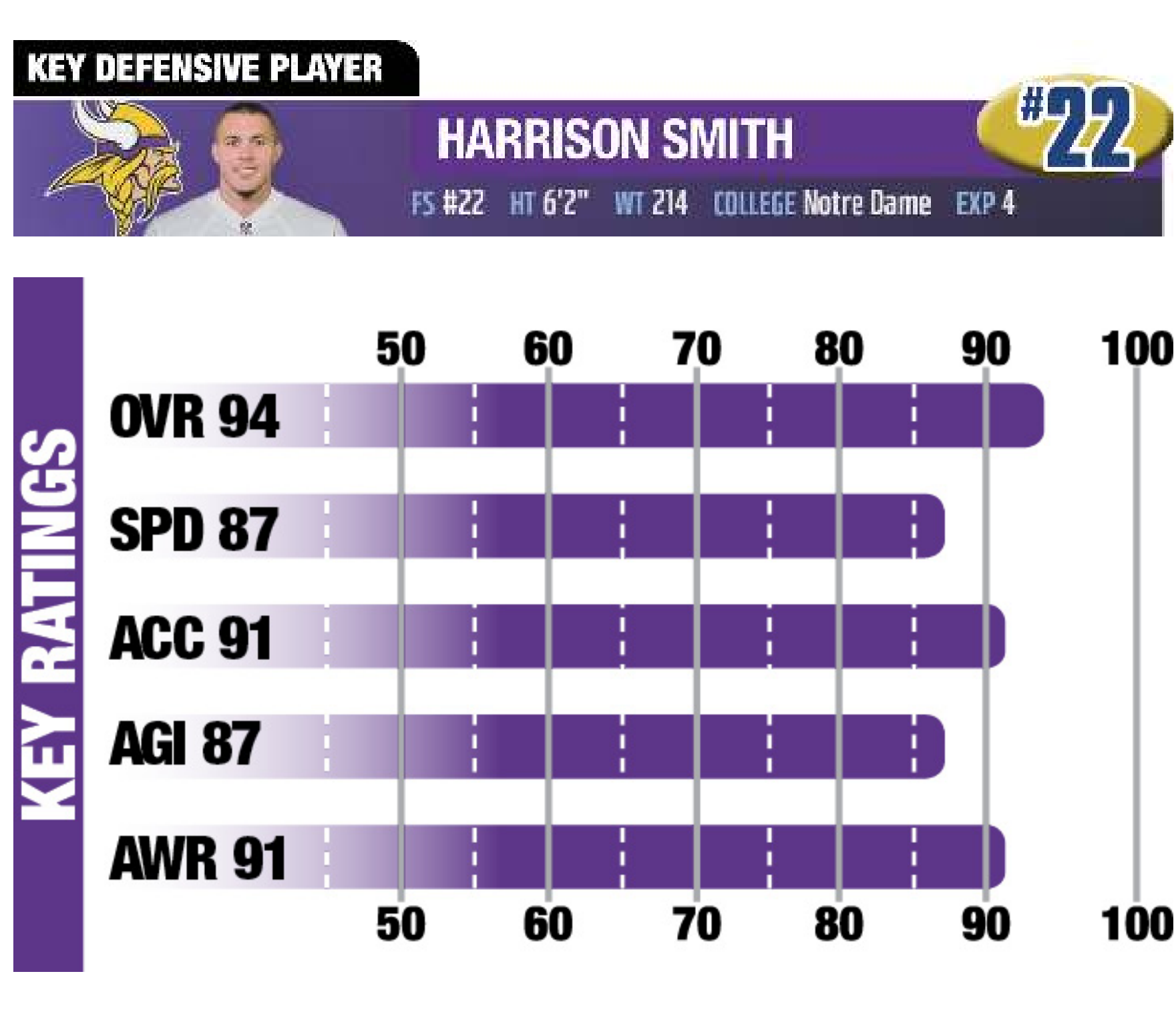
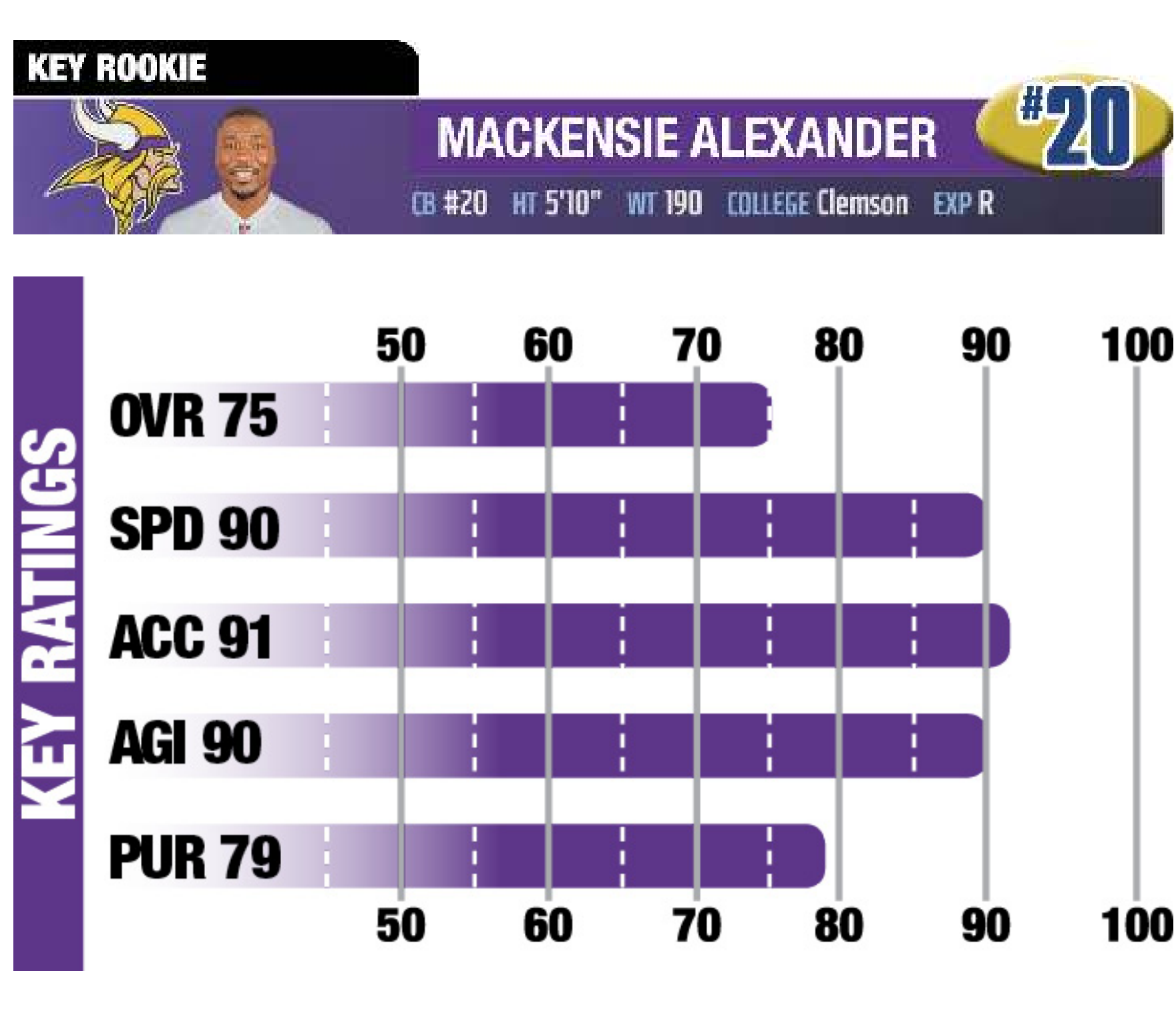
KEY PLAYERS



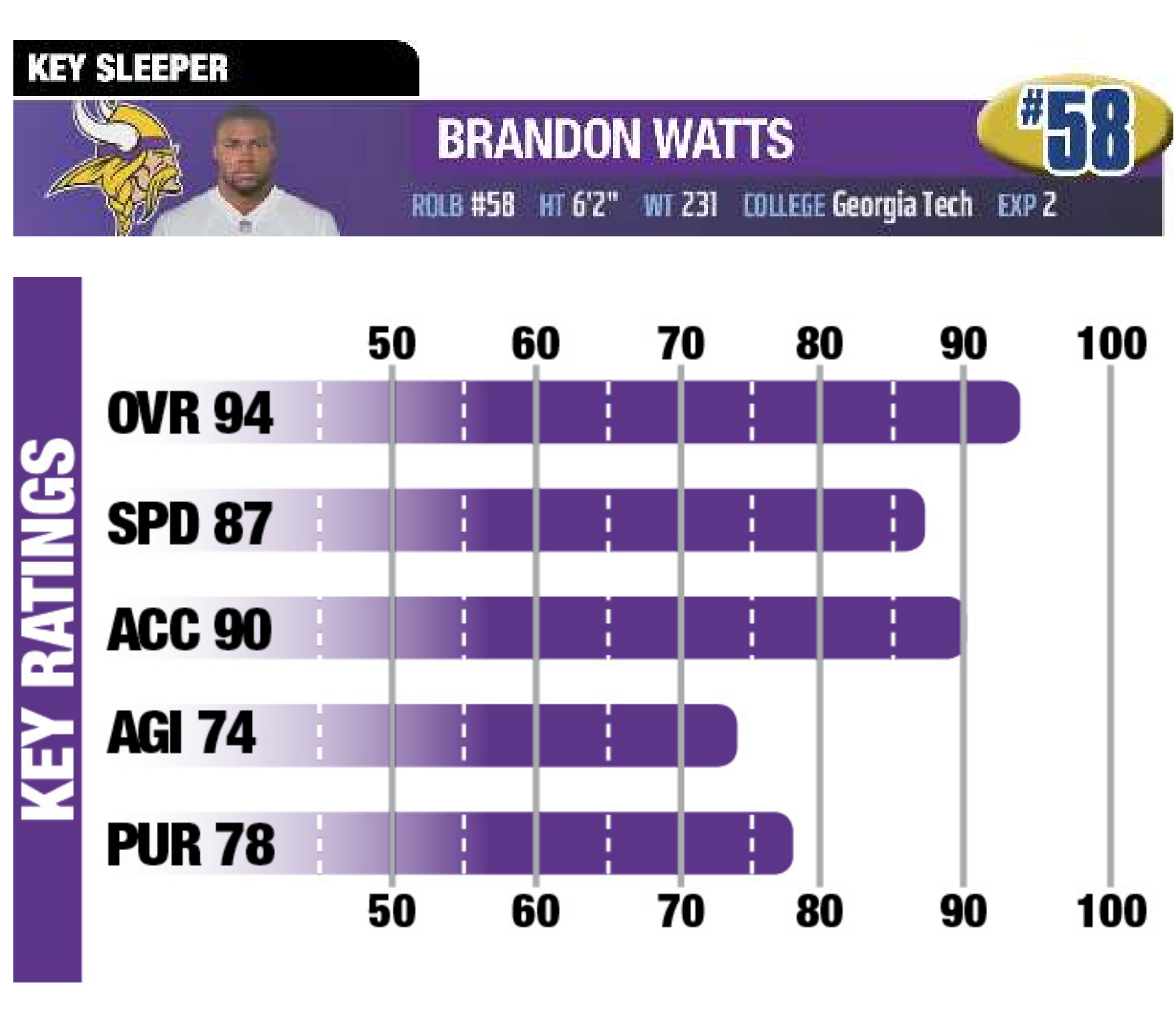
- Adrian Peterson is still an extremely physical runner, and the stiff arm remains his best move when taking on a tackler.
- Peterson's agility allows him to change holes after the handoff, which is unusual for a back with 88 Strength.



- Smith is a transformative safety for the Vikings. He allows their CBs to take chances.
- Continue to improve on Smith's play recognition, which will allow you to focus on the SS position instead.



- Alexander has a high Pursuit rating, giving him the advantage against most WRs.
- Alexander is a combine warrior and one of the fastest players on the field. Use that to play where you feel the defense might need you most.



- Watts needs to find a pass-rushing move quickly to take advantage of his speed off the edge.
- Pair Watts with Barr off the edge and you will have one of the fastest pass-rushing combos in the league.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
QB	Teddy	Bridgewater	81
QB	Shaun	Hill	68
QB	Joel	Stave	63
QB	Taylor	Heinicke	60
HB	Adrian	Peterson	91
HB	Jerick	McKinnon	76
HB	Matt	Asiata	73
HB	Jhurell	Pressley	65
FB	Zach	Line	72
WR	Stefon	Diggs	79
WR	Charles	Johnson	75
WR	Laquon	Treadwell	75
WR	Jarius	Wright	75
WR	Cordarrelle	Patterson	70
WR	Adam	Thielen	69
WR	Moritz	Boehringer	62
TE	Kyle	Rudolph	81
TE	MyCole	Pruitt	74
TE	Rhett	Ellison	72
TE	David	Morgan	67
TE	Brian	Leonhardt	66
TE	Kyle	Carter	58
TE	Kevin	McDermott	58
LT	Matt	Kalil	80
LT	Andre	Smith	73
LT	Austin	Shepherd	63
LG	Brandon	Fusco	72
LG	Willie	Beavers	69
LG	Zac	Kerin	62
C	John	Sullivan	85
C	Joe	Berger	83
C	Nick	Easton	60
RG	Alex	Boone	81
RG	Mike	Harris	74
RT	Phil	Loadholt	83
RT	T.J.	Clemmings	69
RT	Jeremiah	Sirles	62

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
LE	Brian	Robison	79
LE	Scott	Crichton	70
LE	Justin	Trattou	65
LE	Zach	Moore	64
DT	Linval	Joseph	89
DT	Sharrif	Floyd	83
DT	Tom	Johnson	72
DT	Kenrick	Ellis	71
DT	Shamar	Stephen	65
DT	B.J.	Dubose	63
RE	Everson	Griffen	88
RE	Danielle	Hunter	72
RE	Stephen	Weatherly	63
LOLB	Anthony	Barr	88
LOLB	Edmond	Robinson	56
MLB	Eric	Kendricks	76
MLB	Audie	Cole	67
MLB	Kentrell	Brothers	66
ROLB	Chad	Greenway	78
ROLB	Emmanuel	Lamur	72
ROLB	Brandon	Watts	64
CB	Terence	Newman	80
CB	Xavier	Rhodes	80
CB	Mackensie	Alexander	75
CB	Captain	Munnerlyn	75
CB	Trae	Waynes	73
CB	Marcus	Sherels	69
CB	Jabari	Price	65
CB	Melvin	White	65
FS	Harrison	Smith	94
FS	Michael	Griffin	78
FS	Antone	Exum Jr.	72
FS	Anthony	Harris	68
SS	Andrew	Sendejo	78
SS	Jayron	Kearse	64

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	FIRST	LAST	OVR
K	Blair	Walsh	81
P	Jeff	Locke	74

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN: I-FORM TIGHT PAIR – VIKES POWER G

RUNNING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
I-Form Pro - Iso	I-Form Pro – HB Toss	Full House Wide – HB Slam	Singleback Jumbo Pair – Power O	Gun Normal Y-Flex Offset – Vikes Double Post	Gun Normal Y-Flex Offset – Z Spot
Gun Normal Y-Flex Offset – Read Option	I-Form Twins Flex – Power O	Gun Normal Y-Flex Offset – Inside Zone	Singleback Jumbo Pair – HB Sweep	Gun Normal Y-Flex Offset – Fork Wheel	I-Form Twin TE – Power G
Weak I Pro – HB Inside	Gun Split Panther – Inside Zone Split	Singleback Jumbo Pair – HB Stretch	I-Form Twin TE – Power G	Gun Split Panther – HB Draw	Gun Empty Bunch – Mtn Read Option

BEST PASS: SINGLEBACK TIGHT DOUBLES - SHAKES

PASSING PLAYS

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	SLOT PLAYS	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
Gun Trey Open – WR Screen	I-Form Twins Flex – PA Cross F Wheel	Full House Wide – Curl Flats	I-Form Twins Flex – PA Draw Shot	Full House Wide – Corner Strike	Gun Ace Twins Offset – Posts
Gun Empty Bunch – Verticals	Gun Split Panther – PA Y Slide	Gun Trey Y-Flex Wk – Mtn Stick	Gun Ace Twins Offset – PA Verts Shot	Gun Trips TE Offset – PA Bubble	Gun Ace Twins Offset – PA FL Screen
Gun Empty Bunch – Divide Wheel	Gun Trips TE Offset - Verticals	Singleback Ace Pair – Y Stick	Gun Trips TE Offset – PA Shot Crossers	Weak I Pro – PA F Slide	Gun Split Panther – HB Slip Screen

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYS

BEST RUN D: 46 NORMAL – INSIDE BLITZ

RUN DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – 2 Man Under	4-3 Over Plus – Cover 3 Sky Wk	46 Normal – Inside Blitz	Goal Line 5-4-2 – Blitz C	Nickel Normal – Cover 2 Man	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 2 Man
4-3 Normal – Cover 3 Sky	4-3 Over Plus – Saw 0 Blast	46 Normal – Rush Outside	Goal Line 5-4-2 Sam Blitz	Nickel Normal – Cover 3 Mable	Nickel Wide 9 – Cover 3 Buzz 2

BEST PASS D: NICKEL 3-3-5 WIDE – COVER 4 SHOW 2

PASS DEFENSE

1ST DOWN	2ND & SHORT	3RD & SHORT	GOAL LINE	2ND & LONG	3RD & LONG
4-3 Normal – Tampa 2	4-3 Over – Mike Will Blitz	46 Normal – Cover 2 Invert	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – GL Man	4-3 Wide 9 – Cover 3 Sky	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – 2 Man Under
4-3 Normal – Cover 2 Man	4-3 Over – Cover 3 Sky	46 Normal – Cover 1 Hole	Goal Line 5-3- 3 – Pinch Zone	4-3 Wide 9 – Tampa 2	Nickel 3-3- 5 Wide – Mike Blitz 0

Appendix

Glossary

Many players watch football on Sunday and quickly learn the rules and strengths of the players. *Madden NFL 17* is the most authentic simulation of football action, and there is plenty to learn even for a veteran player. Start with the basics and quickly add a few new adjustments to your game each week. Keep this section as a reference to make sure you understand the basics of football. The Skills Trainer is your best friend when it comes to learning all the mechanics in the game.

A Gap — The gaps in the offensive line between the center and the guards are the A gaps. There is one to the right and one to the left. The fastest way to the QB is through the A gap since it's right up the middle.

Aggressive Catch — This catch mechanic allows computer players to go up and attack the ball at its highest point. It can be triggered manually by using Y (Xbox) or △ (PS) when the ball is in the air; you do not need to be clicked on the receiver.

Audible/Audibling — The act of coming to the line and then changing your play. If you call something in the huddle and get to the line of scrimmage and realize the defense is doing something different than you expected, you want to call an audible. This allows you to change your play to something you think will work better. You can set up to five audibles before the game to make sure you are ready for any situation.

B Gap — The gaps in the offensive line between the guards and tackles are the B gaps. There is one on each side of the line, and the B gap is the second quickest way to get pressure (after the A gap).

Blitz — On offense, the defense may look to blitz you by bringing more defenders toward your QB than you can block. On defense, you blitz by rushing more players at the QB than your opponent can block. This leaves your coverage vulnerable, but you may force the offense into a bad decision or get a sack.

Block a Halfback — Blocking a halfback is done by putting a player behind the line into a blocking hot route. This will help if you sense a blitz coming at your offense and want your HB to stay in and block.

Blue Route — This is a "block-and-release" route, which tells your offensive player (whose route is blue) to help block before releasing out on his route for a pass.

The Box — The area on defense before the snap where the defensive line and LBs line up. Looking at "the box" can help you decide if the defense is defending a run and has "eight defenders in the box" or not.

Bunch Set — Three players stacked tightly together on one half of the field makes a bunch set. This is great for flooding certain areas of the field. An example is Ace Bunch.

C gap — The C gap refers to the offensive line and is just outside of either tackle. It can be thought of as "the edge." However, if a TE lines up there, it becomes another gap like the A or B gap. This is the slowest way to get pressure on the QB and generally is where offensive lines want to allow rushers.

Check Down — To dump off a short pass to the halfback or last option on a play, especially after seeing that your other options are covered.

Chew Clock — This setting in the play-calling screen allows you to run off additional seconds off the clock in between snaps. This speeds up the end of a game when the score isn't close.

Clicking onto a Player — This is the act of switching your player mid-play to control someone close to the action. "I clicked onto the WR and tried to make the catch."

Concept — A specific set of routes that work together to beat a specific defense. For example, a mesh concept is having two crossing drag routes on a play.

Conservative Catch — A catch mechanic that allows a receiver to focus on catching the ball and securing it rather than picking up more yards after the catch. This is a smart idea on the sideline and near the back of the end zone.

Depth Chart — The area of the game where you set your lineup. Access this by pressing the Pause menu to set which players play where.

Draw — This is a run play that pretends the offense is passing. The QB drops back and the receivers start to run routes. Once the defense is fooled, the QB hands off to the running back, who looks for open running lanes.

Dropping a Lineman — Placing a defender on the line of scrimmage into a zone assignment. This is most common with a zone blitz play.

Empty Set — A common formation with an empty set is Gun Empty. The backfield is "empty" because there are five WRs in on the play.

Flat — The area of the field near the sideline in line with the line of scrimmage. The most common term is a "pass to the flat," which means a short pass to the halfback who is running toward the sideline from out of the backfield.

Flood — When you send more receivers into a certain area of the field than the opponent has coverage. One example is Four Verticals against a Cover 3 defense. You have four receivers downfield and the opponent has only three defenders deep — therefore, one must be open.

Formation — The formation is how players line up before the snap of the football. There are offensive formations and defensive formations. Singleback and Gun are offensive formations, for example.

Horizontal Passing Concepts — Attacking the field with a short-to-medium passing game that uses safe throws to keep the chains moving. This offense lacks the big plays of a vertical passing game, but should yield a higher percentage of completed throws. The mesh concept is a horizontal passing concept.

Hot Route — Before the snap, you can change any of your players' route assignments to one of eight pre-set routes based on his position. If you read that the defense is weak in a certain area, call a hot route or use multiple hot routes to create a new play on the fly.

Hurry-Up Offense — After a play, you can call your players back to the line of scrimmage without going back to the play-calling screen. The last play you called will be selected, and the defense won't be able to substitute. This up-tempo offense can be used to tire out the defense and keep them off balance. It is also known as a no-huddle offense.

Juke — Use the Right Stick to have your offensive player make a move to fake out the defender.

Line of Scrimmage — A line parallel to the yard lines where the ball is spotted right before it's snapped. The linemen blocking the defense take their places along this line.

Motion a WR — Before the snap, you can highlight an offensive player (WR, TE, or HB) and have him move to a new position. When the blue circle is underneath him, use the D-pad to move him to a new position. This can create new formations and forces the defense to watch where you move your player.

Option Run — A play where the QB can either hand off the ball to his teammate or keep it for himself, depending on what he sees with the defense. Also known as Read Option.

Packaging — Using packages at the play-calling screen with the Right Stick can sub specific players into the game for special situations. For example, the Dual HB package will take out the FB and place another HB into the game at his position.

Pistol — This is a unique formation where the QB takes a shotgun snap but the HB still lines up behind him. You'll find the Pistol in the Redskins' playbook, for example.

Play-Action Pass — Play action involves faking a handoff to the back to try to fool the defense into thinking it's a run. The QB still has the ball and looks to throw.

Play Ball — This defensive mechanic allows the defender to try to play the ball at its highest point. This can force a knockout and is the best way to go for an interception.

Play Man — This defensive mechanic allows the defender to play the receiver as he is catching the ball to improve the chance that he can knock it out or force a drop.

Press Coverage — When press coverage is called, your defensive back will stand close to the WR and play physical at the snap. This forces the receiver to use his hands to get off the jam at the line and can throw off timing with the QB. The danger is that if the WR can get free, he will often get good separation from the defender. This is also known as bump-n-run coverage.

Quick Audible — Before the snap, you can quickly audible to another play if you read that the defense is weak against something. You can call a quick pass, deep pass, play-action pass, or run from any formation by using the Right Stick in a specific direction.

RAC — The "run after catch" mechanic allows a receiver to turn upfield as he is catching the ball to pick up as many yards as possible. It's controlled by X (Xbox) or □ (PS).

Read Option — An option run in which the QB either hands the ball off to his HB or keeps it. The QB must "read" the defender and make a quick decision!

Screen Pass — Screen passes are most often used when facing an aggressive defense. They look to hit the HB near the flat and try to get the offensive linemen out in front to block.

Set — Once you select a formation, the set is how your players will align within it. For example, 4-3 is a defensive formation, and then Over Plus is the set.

Shot Play — This is a specific play concept that the offense calls when they want to look for a big play downfield in the passing game.

Shotgun Snap — Any formation where the QB lines up 4–5 yards behind the center, who snaps the ball to the QB in the air. This increases chances for bad snaps and most commonly is used with formations that lean heavily toward the pass. The QB catches the snap and doesn't have to backpedal, so he is all set up to throw.

Slide Protection — Before the snap, you can tell your linemen to slide left, right, or pinch into the middle. This will help them pick up blitzers if you sense them coming from a specific area.

Stiff Arm — A stiff arm is a move by the ball carrier where he puts a straight arm out to prevent the tackler from getting in range to make a hit. This is generally a more effective move for power back than for elusive backs. Make sure to check a player's Stiff Arm rating to see how effective he will be at performing the move.

Strafe — On defense, strafing will square your hips to the line of scrimmage and give you better control of your player. You will not be able to move as fast when strafing.

Strip — A tackler who is running for a ball carrier can go for a "strip," where he tries to knock the ball loose, rather than a tackle. This can force a turnover, but can also result in a broken tackle. It is best to go for a strip only when you have lots of teammates in the area.

Swat — Having your defender try to knock the ball down rather than go for the interception. He looks to knock away the pass, which gives him more range and can be safer than trying for an interception.

Tight Set — Tight sets bring your receivers into the middle of the field rather than out wide as in most formations. This will create a lot of action in the middle of the field and force the defense to bump into each other as they try to cram into a tight area. Shotgun Tight Flex is a tight set.

Trips Set — These formations place three WRs onto one side of the field. This forces your opponents to shift their attention toward that side since there are more players over there. Trips sets are great for flooding zone coverages. Shotgun Trips is one example.

Truck — A ball carrier who tries to run over a defender when being tackled is a truck. Trucking is most common with power backs, especially near the goal line.

Under Center — Any formation where the QB lines up directly behind the center and takes a handoff directly from him. This is the opposite of a shotgun snap.

Usering/User Control — When you actively control a player during a play. Whatever player you use on defense is who you are "user-controlling." The best players believe they can make more plays than if the computer were controlling the same player.

User Catch — The act of clicking onto a WR and holding the Catch button to go after a pass.

Verticals Passing Concept — This passing concept looks to stretch the field aggressively toward your opponent's end zone. Most often the deep pass audible, by flicking the Right Stick right, will give you this style of play.

The most common way to attack the defense is with Four Verticals, which floods coverage deep by sending all four receivers deep downfield.

YAC — Yards after catch for a receiver or yards after contact for a running back.

Zone Blitz — The art of bringing pressure from one area of the field while dropping defenders into another. This is a tactic used to confuse the offense.

DEFENSIVE PRE-SNAP ADJUSTMENTS

Blitz — You can make any selected player blitz by using this hot route command, a.k.a. a blitz straight down since the player's rush angle will appear straight down on the screen.

Bluff Blitz — This hot route makes your defender attack the line of scrimmage before dropping into his zone. You can fake pressure with a linebacker before he drops over the middle.

Curl to Flat — The "buzz zone" defender will drop 8–10 yards deep and defend the curl; if there is no route threatening that area, he will move to the flat. A buzz zone is also known as a purple zone because of the zone color.

Deep Zone — This dark blue zone will drop back and play deep assignments.

Flat Zone — This light blue zone will drop down and play the flat. It is great for guarding short-throwing offenses and players who like to dump off passes to the halfback.

Guess Play — Predict a pass or commit to a run to one side or up the middle. Use LT (Xbox) or L2 (PS) and the Right Stick before the snap.

Hook Zone — This yellow zone will guard a 3- to 5-yard radius around wherever it's assigned. It is great for covering the middle of the field.

Option Adjustment — Contain the QB or RB on option plays, depending on your pre-snap command.

QB Contain — You can place your defensive ends in contains by using LT (Xbox) or L2 (PS) before the snap and pressing RB (Xbox) or R1 (PS).

QB Spy — A QB spy tells your defender to watch the QB and attack him if he runs past the line of scrimmage. This is a great way to stop scrambling QBs. This route also helps stop short throws right over the middle.

Shift Defense — Pinch, spread, or shift your defense in either direction with LT (Xbox) or L2 (PS) and the Left Stick.

Quick Adjustments — These allow you to control your secondary players without clicking onto them before the snap.

DEFENSIVE COVERAGE ADJUSTMENTS

Base Align — This allows defenses to align their defenders in the general settings of the formation. As offensive formations change they can alter how a formation looks and plays. To prevent that from happening we use base align.

Give Cushion — If you want to play bend-but-don't-break defense, use "give cushion" coverage. This moves your defenders farther away from the line of scrimmage and puts them in a "prevent" defensive position.

Inside — Your defenders will attempt to get inside position against the receivers and jump routes like ins and slants.

Man Align — Your defenders, especially LBs and safeties, will line up closer to their assignments, which is useful on Cover 0 blitzes.

Outside — Your defenders will play the receiver outside and jump routes like corners and outs.

Over Top — Your defensive zones will stay back against the receivers. They won't get beaten deep by vertical concepts, but won't be able to break down on routes as easily.

Press — This will jam receivers at the line of scrimmage. Pressing slows down offenses and allows blitzes more time to get after the quarterback. It can leave your defense vulnerable if the WR beats the press.

Protect the Sticks (Sticks) — Your defenders will keep in mind the down and distance and drop their zones to that depth. This is a great adjustment for third and long.

Quick Adjust — Allows you to make adjustments to defenders before the snap without clicking onto them.

Show Blitz — A great way to load the box up with defenders is to utilize show blitz. Most formations in the game will create a Bear front, which is great for stopping the run and blitzing your opponent.

Underneath — Your defensive zones will play underneath their targets. This is great for clamping down on the horizontal passing game.

OFFENSIVE HOT ROUTES

Remember that you can only make one hot route before getting to the line in Madden. For all other offensive hot routes, you must wait until the QB finishes his animation before inputting another.

Check-and-Release — This blue route tells your back to help block before releasing to the flat.

Comeback — A route for outside WRs that runs about 15 yards downfield before turning around.

Curl — The WR starts out on a straight pattern and turns around sharply after 8–10 yards.

Drag — A drag runs straight across the field after a 2-yard move forward.

Fade — This route starts the WR moving a few steps toward the

sideline and then runs straight downfield.

Flat — A short route by the HB that runs to the flat and gives the QB a short option near the sideline.

Hitch — Similar to the curl route, but runs shorter and is only available on the inside.

In — The receiver runs straight for 8 yards before cutting 90 degrees toward the middle of the field. This is the opposite of an out route.

Option — A route by the HB that gives the player the option to sit underneath zone or continue toward the sideline against man-to-man.

Out — The receiver runs straight for 8 yards before cutting 90 degrees toward the sideline. This is the opposite of an in route.

Slant — This route starts like a streak for a few steps and then breaks sharply at an angle across the field.

Smart Route — By pressing down on the Right Stick, you can tell your WR to run his route to the first down marker. This is great for third-and-long plays where the standard route won't run far enough downfield.

Smoke Screen — The WR on the outside turns toward the QB to quickly catch the pass and get upfield. This route is best against defenses that are playing far back off the receiver.

Streak — This route runs straight downfield (a.k.a. a "go" or "9" route).

Swing — The back in the backfield will swing out to the left or right.

Wheel — This route starts like a flat route but cuts upfield on a streak once it reaches the sideline.

Zig — A zig appears to start like a slant route, but the receiver pivots and cuts back to the outside toward the sideline.

POSITIONS

OFFENSE

Quarterback (QB) — The player who takes the snap from the lineman and either hands off, passes, or runs the ball.

Halfback (HB) — The player who usually lines up behind the QB and takes handoffs on run plays (a.k.a. RB — running back). On pass plays he can either run a route and become a receiver or stay in to help block.

Fullback (FB) — Lines up in front of the HB and looks to block players trying to tackle the HB. Can also catch and block on pass plays.

Wide Receiver (WR) — Receivers line up outside the linemen and look to get open downfield on pass plays. The QB throws them the ball and they can run after they catch it.

Tight End (TE) — Most commonly lines up outside the linemen and can either block on run plays or go out on pass plays.

Slot Receiver — This receiver lines up outside the tackles and is a receiver, but lines up inside the farthest WR. These players most often run routes over the middle of the field or use their speed to get deep.

Offensive Linemen (OL) — These players block for the QB and HB. The center (C) is in the middle and snaps the ball to the QB on every play. There are guards on either side of the center (RG and LG) and two tackles (RT and LT) flanking the guards.

Defense

Defensive End (DE) — The defensive end matches up against the other team's lineman on the outside and is most known for trying to sack the QB on passing plays. You have two DEs on the field in most situations (3-4 and 4-3 defenses).

Defensive Tackle (DT) — The DT plays in the middle of the defensive line, usually closest to the center. He is mostly known for plugging up the middle and is usually one of the biggest players on the team (there's one DT in a 3-4, two in a 4-3 defense).

Outside Linebacker (OLB) — These LBs line up outside and can cover receivers or blitz on pass plays. They must tackle anyone who gets past the line on a run play. You have two OLBs on the field in a 3-4 or a 4-3 defense.

Middle Linebacker (MLB) — This player controls the middle of the field for the defense. He stands behind the defensive tackle and must tackle players who come through the middle. You have two MLBs in 3-4 and one in a 4-3 defense.

Cornerback (CB) — These players play outside and must cover the WRs on passing plays.

Free Safety (FS) — This player backs up the cornerbacks and helps give them support in the passing game.

Strong Safety (SS) — This player helps in the passing game, but can also be brought toward the line of scrimmage to help in the run game, as well.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicker (K) — The kicker (or placekicker) is responsible for a team's field goal or extra-point kicks.

Punter (P) — The punter's role is to catch the ball from the long snapper and kick it downfield to the opposing team on fourth down to help his team's field position.

Long Snapper (LS) — The long snapper is a specialized player who snaps the ball to the holder on field goals or to the punter so they can set up to kick it.

Kick Returner (KR) — The kick returner catches the kickoff from the opposing team and tries to return it for as many yards as possible to set his team up with good field position.

Punt Returner (PR) — The punt returner is an elusive-style player who catches punts from the opposing team and works to get return yardage.

Third Down Running Back (3DRB) — The third-down running back is often a specialized back who is strong in the passing game as a route runner or a pass blocker against blitzes.

Kickoff Specialist (KOS): The kickoff specialist's only job is to kick the ball off to the other team. Often the kicker shares this duty, but teams will sometimes bring in a player with a stronger leg, since accuracy isn't as important in this role.

PLAYER RATINGS

Ratings have never had such a huge effect over the results of gameplay as they do in *Madden NFL 17.* Make sure to test your assumptions and get players with high ratings in positions to make plays.

Acceleration (ACC) — How quickly a player gets to top speed.

Key Position: HB, WR, DE, OLB, CB

Agility (AGI) — How quickly and tightly a player is able to cut.

Key Position: HB, WR, CB

Awareness (AWR) — How smart a player is on the field; a good Awareness rating is great for CPU-controlled players.

Key Position: All positions

Ball Carrier Vision (BCV) — How well a CPU-controlled player can find holes in the defense and use moves.

Key Position: HB, WR, QB

Block Shedding (BSH) — How good a player is at getting off a block while trying to defending the run.

Key Position: DE, DT, OLB

Break Tackle (BTK) — How well a ball carrier can break tackles against a defender. This plays against a defender's Tackle rating.

Key Position: QB, HB, FB, WR

Carry (CAR) — How well a ball carrier holds onto the ball; a higher number means a lower chance of a fumble.

Key Position: HB, FB, QB, WR

Catch (CTH) — How well a receiver can catch and hold onto the ball; a higher number means fewer dropped passes.

Key Position: WR, TE, HB

Catch in Traffic (CIT) — How well a receiver is able to catch and hold onto a ball in traffic. A higher number means a better chance of hanging onto the ball when being tackled by a defender.

Key Position: TE, WR, HB

Deep Accuracy (DAC) — This affects how accurate a quarterback is on throws over 40 yards.

Key Position: QB

Elusiveness (ELU) — How good a player is at using elusive moves to get away from defenders. Elusiveness is more common in speed backs.

Key Position: HB, WR, QB

Finesse Moves (FMV) — How good a player rushing the QB is at using a finesse move to get off blocks. An example is a swim move.

Key Position: DE, DT, OLB

Hit Power (POW) — How hard a defensive player can tackle a ball carrier. A higher number means more hit stick and fumble chances.

Key Position: OLB, MLB, FS, SS

Impact Blocking (IBL) — How good a player is at making blocks in the open field. The higher the rating, the bigger the chance for a big block that can knock an opponent off his feet. These are more common in the special teams return game.

Key Position: Offensive linemen, FB, TE

Injury (INJ) — How good a player is at staying healthy. The higher the rating, the less of a chance a player will get injured during the game and over the course of a season.

Key Position: All Positions

Juke Move (JKM) — How well a player can use a fake step juke move to get away from defenders. The rating can affect the tightness of the move and the amount of ground covered when juking.

Key Position: HB, WR, QB

Jumping (JMP) — How high a player can jump.

Key Position: WR, TE, CB

Kick Accuracy (KAC) — How accurate a player is when kicking a field goal, punting the ball, or kicking off.

Key Position: K, P

Kick Power (KPW) — How far a player can kick a field goal, punt the ball, or kick off.

Key Position: K, P

Man Coverage (MCV) — How well a defender can stick with his receiver while he is running his route. The higher the number, the closer he will play his assignment. This rating goes up against a receiver's Route Running rating.

Medium Accuracy (MAC) — This affects how accurate a quarterback is on throws between 20 and 40 yards.

Key Position: QB

Key Position: CB, FS, SS

Overall (OVR) — This rating provides a great snapshot of a player's attributes. Although you need to dig deeper to find out exactly what type of player you have, this will allow you to make quick decisions about who to start.

Key Position: All players

Pass Blocking (PBK) — How well an offensive lineman is at blocking a defender who is rushing the QB on a passing play.

Key Position: Offensive line

Play Recognition (PRC) — How quickly a defensive player identifies what type of play the offense is running. A higher rating means less of a chance to be fooled on play action and the quicker the player will attack the line on run plays.

Key Position: OLB, MLB, FS, SS

Power Moves (PMV) — How good a player rushing the QB is at using a power-style move to get off blocks. An example is a bull rush move.

Key Position: DE, DT, OLB

Press (PRS) — How good a defender is at lining up in front of a WR and not letting him off the line of scrimmage. The higher the number, the better the defender will be at playing bump-n-run coverage. This goes against a receiver's Release rating.

Key Position: CB, FS, SS

Pursuit (PUR) — How good a player is at taking proper angles to track down a ball carrier.

Key Position: OLB, MLB, FS, SS

Release (RLS) — How good a receiver is at getting off of press coverage. The higher the rating, the better chance he has to beat press coverage. This matches up against a defender's Press rating.

Key Position: WR

Return (RET) — How good a player is at catching the ball on special teams.

Key Position: KR, PR

Route Running (RTE) — How well a receiver can run sharp routes that can get him space from the defender. This will determine separation against a man-to-man defender based on the defender's Man Coverage rating.

Key Position: WR, TE, HB

Run Blocking (RBK) — How good an offensive lineman is at blocking a defender on a rushing play.

Key Position: Offensive line, FB, TE

Run Block Strength (RBS), Run Block Footwork (RBF), Pass Block Strength (PBS), and Pass Block Footwork (PBF) are no longer used in MUT or gameplay. They are used only in CFM simulation games.

Short Accuracy (SAC) — This affects how accurate a quarterback is on throws under 20 yards.

Key Position: QB

Spectacular Catch (SPC) — How well a receiver is able to go up and make jumping or unique catches. A higher number means a better chance of amazing catches over defenders.

Speed (SPD) — How fast a player runs.

Key Position: All players except offensive linemen

Spin Move(SPM) — How well a ball carrier can use a spin style move to get away from defenders. The rating can affect the tightness of the spin radius.

Key Position: HB, WR, QB

Stamina (STA) — This affects how long a player can stay in the game before becoming tired. The higher the rating, the more snaps a player will have before having to rest.

Key Position: All positions

Stiff Arm (SFA) — How good a ball carrier is at using his free hand to ward off tacklers.

Key Position: HB, WR, QB

Strength (STR) — How strong a player is and how well he can stand his ground or get pushed during a line battle.

Key Position: Offensive and defensive lines

Tackle (TAK) — How well a defensive player can tackle a ball carrier. A higher number means a lower chance of broken tackles.

Key Position: OLB, MLB, FS, SS

Throw Accuracy (THA) — How accurate a QB is when throwing the ball. A higher number means more consistent throws downfield.

Key Position: QB

Throw Accuracy (THA) is important only in games that are simulated.

Throw Power (THP) — How fast and far a QB can throw the ball. A higher number means better downfield throws.

Key Position: QB

Trucking (TRK) — How good a player is at using power moves to run over defenders. Trucking is more common in power backs.

Key Position: HB, FB, QB

Zone Coverage (ZCV) — How well a player will track his receiver in zone coverage. The higher the number, the more he will be able to cover a play in his zone during a pass play.

Key Position: OLB, MLB, CB, FS, SS

Appendix

Achievements

ACHIEVEMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION	XBOX POINTS	PS TROPHY	PS POINTS
Going for Gold	Earn gold from a drill inside the Skills Trainer	100	Gold	90
Understanding	Earn at least one bronze medal in all drills inside of Skills Trainer	140	Silver	30
Threw Down the Gauntlet Again	Defeat the level 25 boss of the Skills Trainer Gauntlet	50	Gold	90
Run Degree	Earn at least a bronze medal in all six run concepts inside of Skills Trainer	20	Bronze	15
Early Bird	Get hit with a neutral zone infraction penalty (no SuperSim or Practice mode)	10	Bronze	15
Assisted	Record four assisted tackles in one game (no SuperSim or Practice mode)	25	Bronze	15
Lab Rat	Change one or more penalty sliders in the Settings menu	10	Bronze	15
Turn Down for Watt	Make a user-pick with J.J. Watt (no SuperSim or Practice mode)	20	Silver	30
Put Some Touch On It	Throw a TD using the touch pass (no SuperSim or Practice mode)	10	Bronze	15
Peanut Punch	Successfully use the strip ball mechanic (no SuperSim or Practice mode)	10	Bronze	15
Now Do It Again	Complete your first draft	10	Bronze	15
Good On Paper	Draft a team with an Overall rating greater than 82 in Draft Champions	50	Gold	90
Draft With Style	Build a team style (five players of a particular team style)	35	Silver	30
The Champion	Complete a draft without losing a single game	20	Bronze	15
Snickers You're Not You When You're Losing	Come back and win when trailing by 17+ points (no SuperSim or Co-op)	30	Silver	30
That Was Easy	Enter Draft Champions mode	5	Bronze	15
Grindin' Solos	Win a MUT solo challenge	20	Bronze	15
Negotiator	Win a MUT auction	15	Bronze	15
Beyond A Hobby	Complete a MUT set	20	Bronze	15
Why Not Me In The Super Bowl?	Make it to a MUT seasons' Super Bowl	50	Gold	90
This Is My Ultimate Team	Create a MUT team	10	Bronze	15
Stay Focused	Earn a first-round bye in Ultimate Team seasons	25	Bronze	15
Lay It All On The Line	Make the playoffs in Ultimate Team seasons	20	Bronze	15
Sammy Watkins Legacy Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 25	10	Bronze	15
Ha-Ha Clinton-Dix Legacy Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 125	10	Bronze	15
Teddy Bridgewater Legact Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 300	10	Bronze	15
Le'Veon Bell Legacy Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 800	10	Bronze	15
Matt Ryan Legacy Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 1,500	10	Bronze	15
Ndamukong Suh Legacy Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 3,600	20	Bronze	15
Marshawn Lynch Legacy Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 6,500	25	Bronze	15
Darrelle Revos Legacy Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 9,500	30	Bronze	15
Walter Payton Legacy Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 15,450	50	Silver	30
Peyton Manning Legacy Award	Using a created player, coach, or owner, surpass a legacy score of 20,000	75	Gold	90
Online Next?	Complete a single-player Draft Champions event	10	Bronze	15
Great Pick	Draft a player with an Overall rating at least 10 points higher than the base team	10	Bronze	15
Draftaholic	Complete five Draft Champions events	25	Silver	30

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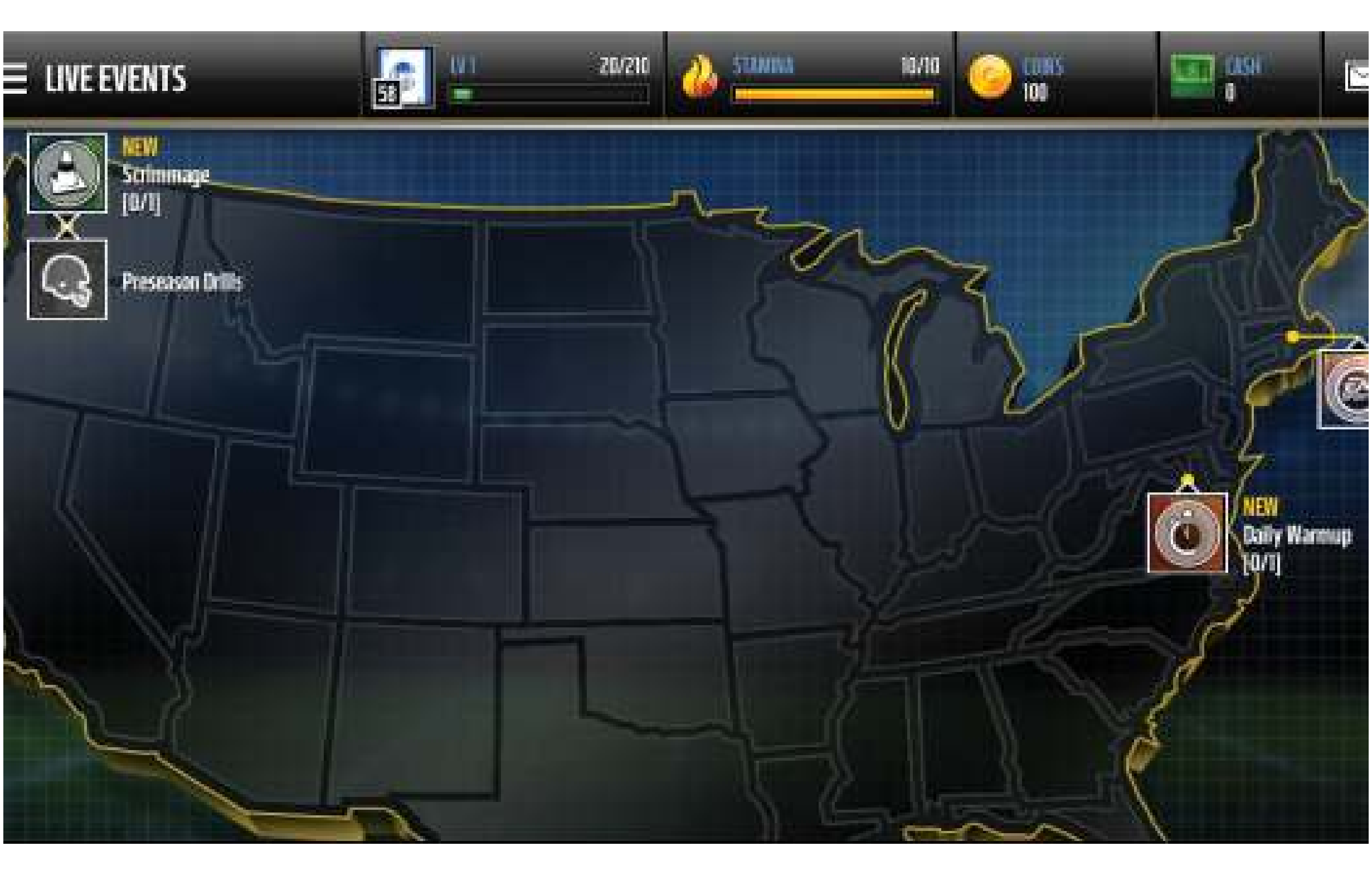
Madden Mobile

Madden NFL 17 Mobile

Madden NFL 17 Mobile brings back many features that it boasted last year, as well as many new features that have been called for by the mobile game's community.

LIVE EVENTS

Live Events are back again in *Madden NFL 17 Mobile*. Compete in Live Events to earn collectibles that go towards programs that are released throughout the year. These collectibles will go into sets to earn rewards to help upgrade your Ultimate Team in *Madden Mobile*! These Live Events have timers that run down, so make sure to complete them while they are active. Check back frequently to you don't miss out on potential rewards!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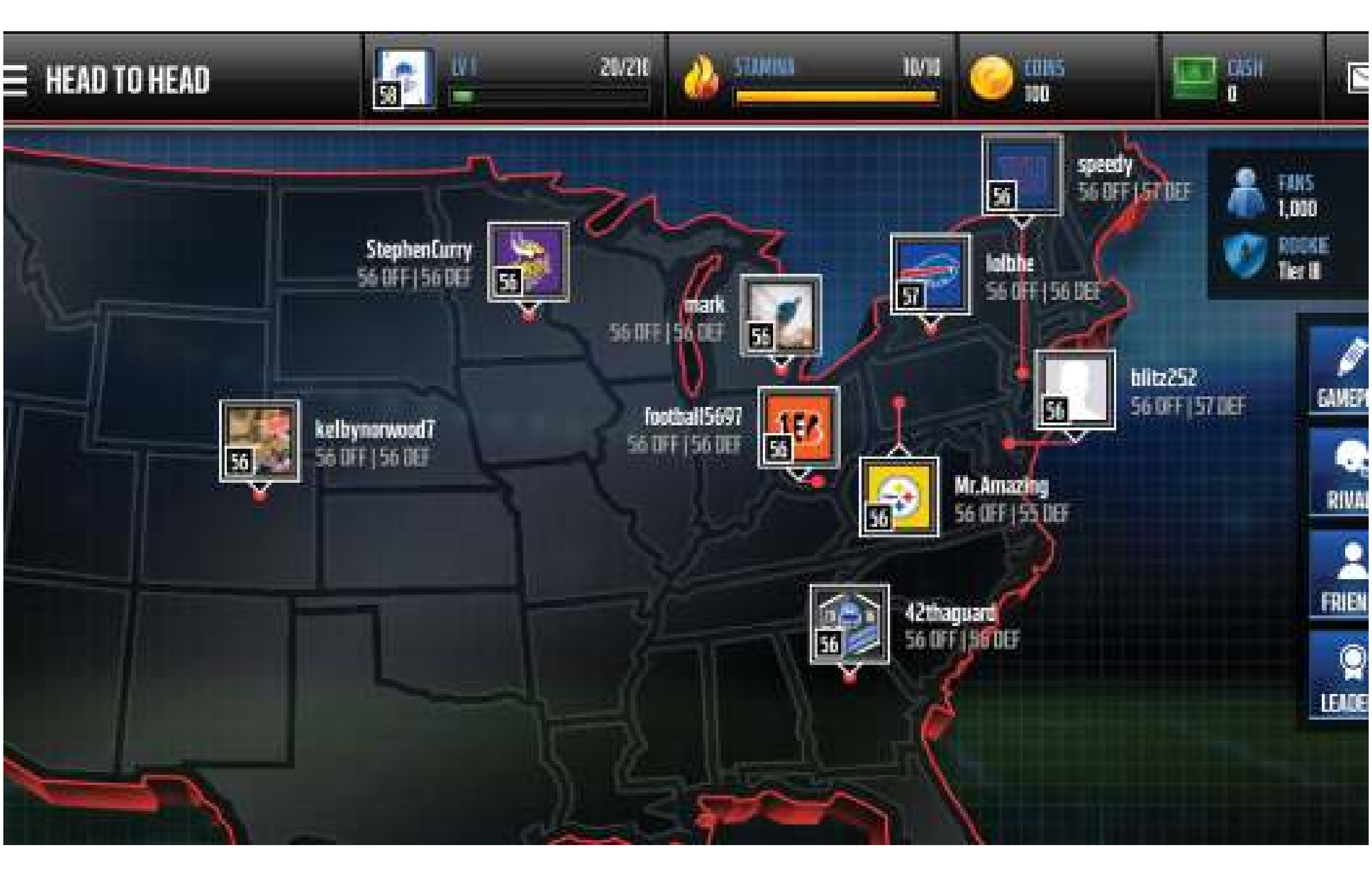
COINS 100
CASH 0
NEW Scrimmage [0/1]
Preseason Drills
NEW Daily Warmup [0/1]

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Climb the leaderboard and go head-to-head against other *Madden NFL Mobile 17* players. In this mode, you only play on offense and attempt to outsmart your opponent's offense by using the brand new "Gameplan" feature. If you win, you will steal some of your opponent's fans to add to your total. You can play this mode against your friends, too. But be careful; if you defeat them too often, they may become bitter rivals!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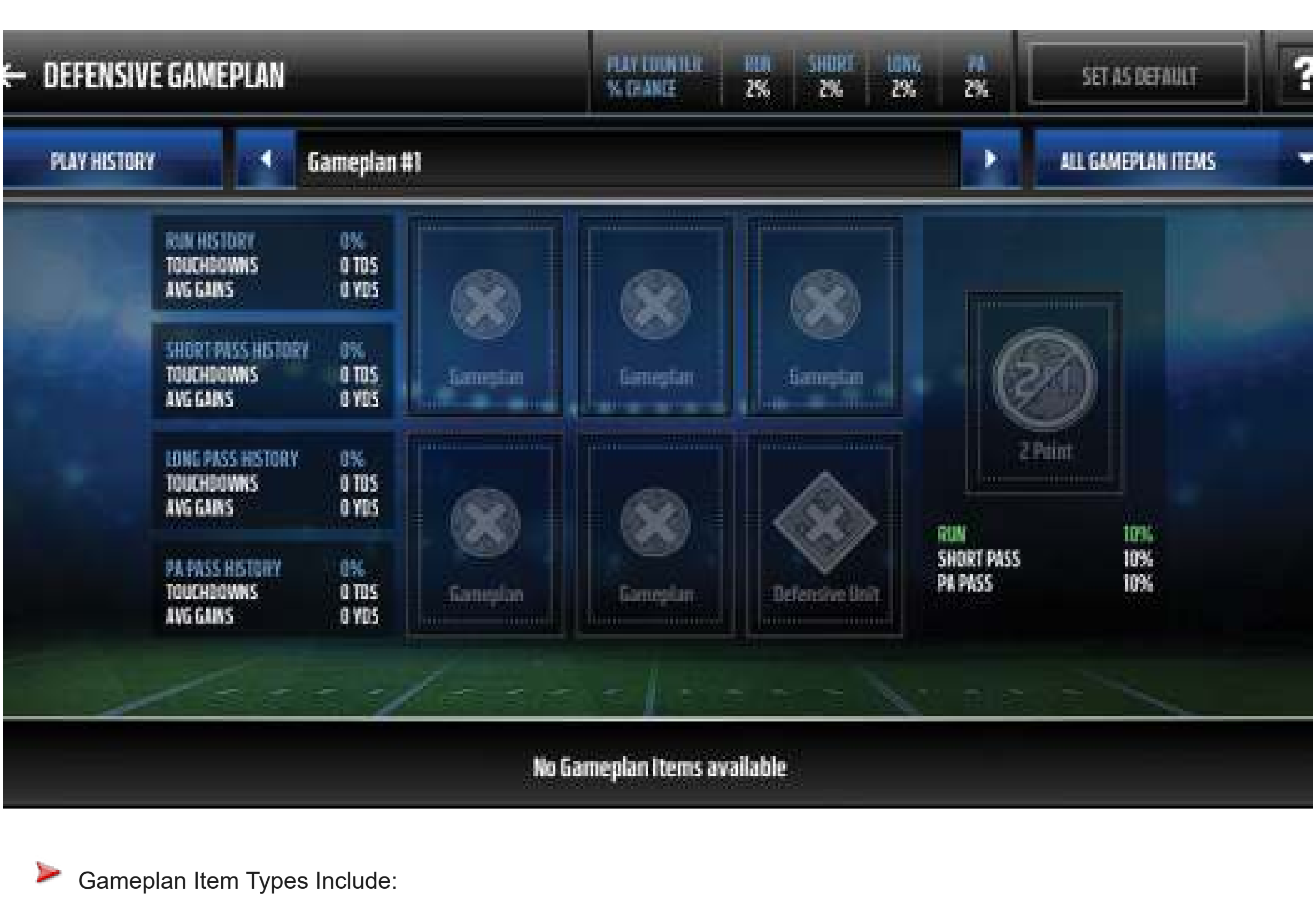
DEFENSIVE GAMEPLAN

Collect items that you can throw into your Defensive Gameplan and dictate which plays your Head-to-Head or League opponents can and can't run against you. These gameplans can also increase certain player ratings during the game. Make sure to scout your opponents ahead of time so you know what to call against them when the heat is on!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SHORT PASS HISTORY 0% TOUCHDOWNS 0 TDS AVG GAINS 0 YDS
LONG PASS HISTORY 0% TOUCHDOWNS 0 TDS AVG GAINS 0 YDS
PA PASS HISTORY 0% TOUCHDOWNS 0 TDS AVG GAINS 0 YDS
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2 Point
RUN 10%
SHORT PASS 10%
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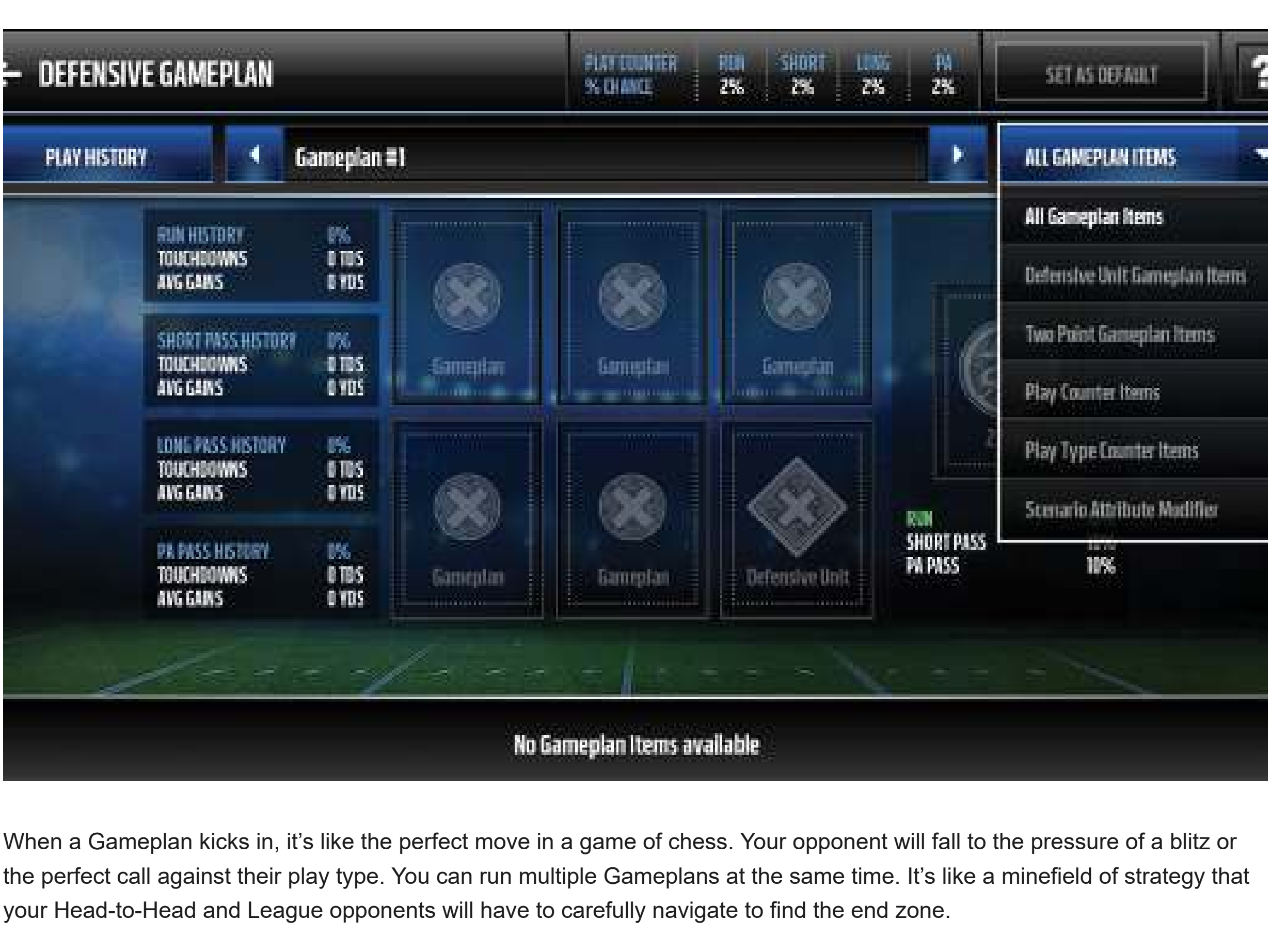
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No Gameplan Items available

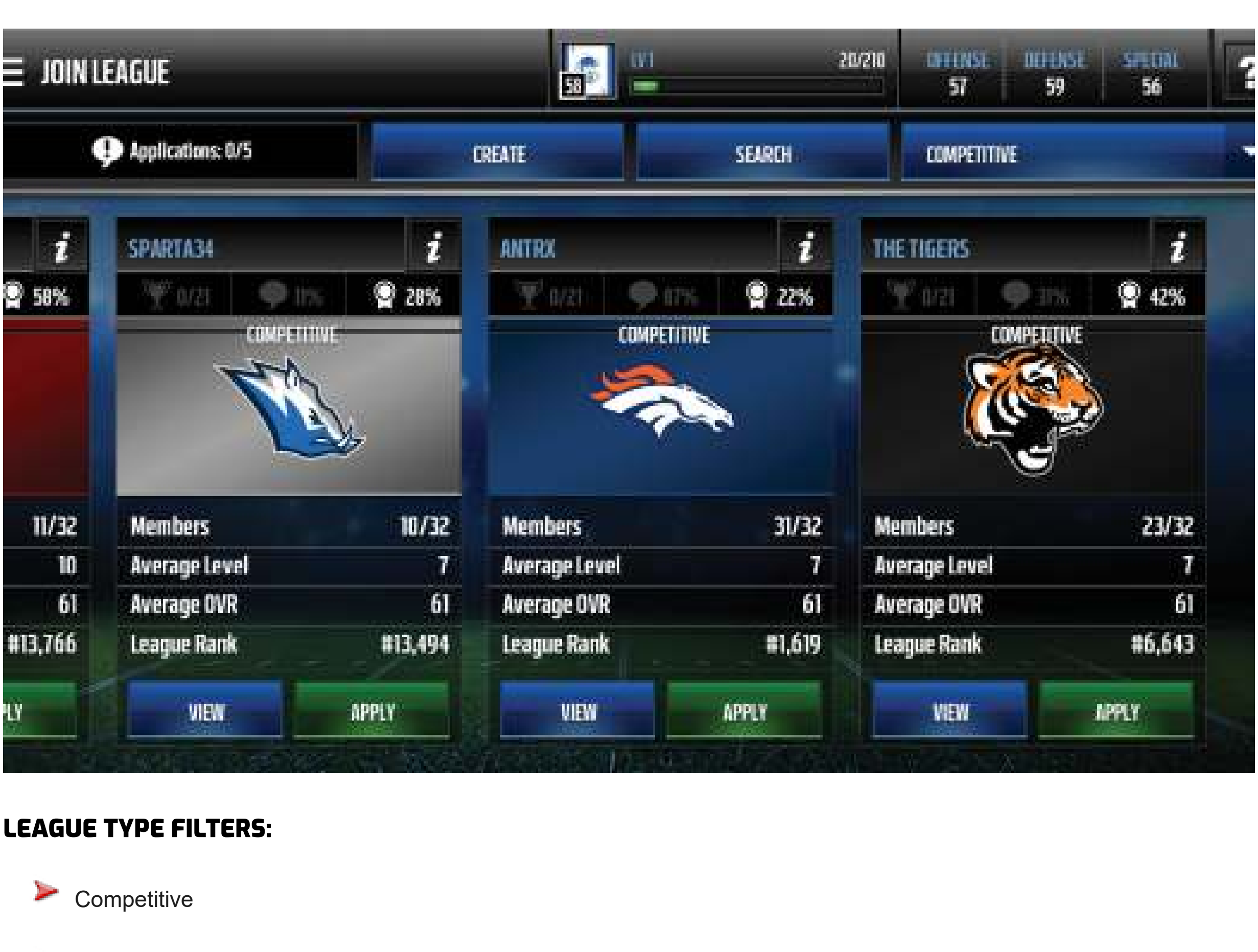
When a Gameplan kicks in, it's like the perfect move in a game of chess. Your opponent will fall to the pressure of a blitz or the perfect call against their play type. You can run multiple Gameplans at the same time. It's like a minefield of strategy that your Head-to-Head and League opponents will have to carefully navigate to find the end zone.

SEASON MODE

In Season Mode, you can play entire seasons with your team and earn rewards for winning games. Try to carry your team to the Super Bowl to optimize your rewards. Additionally, you can earn coins to help purchase items that can help your team, as well as XP for *Madden Mobile*.

LEAGUES

These 32 member groups return in *Madden NFL Mobile 17*. Players can chat with--and play against--one another to earn rewards, ranking, and the ever-important bragging rights! The stronger the group of 32 players, the higher your league will rank. If you're not the most competitive player in the world, *Madden Mobile* can still provide you the league experience that you're searching for.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CREATE
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VIEW
APPLY

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Members	10/32	31/32	23/32
Average Level	7	7	7
Average OVR	61	61	61
League Rank	#13,494	#1,619	#6,643

LEAGUE TYPE FILTERS:

- Competitive
- Top Ranked
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- Achievement Completion
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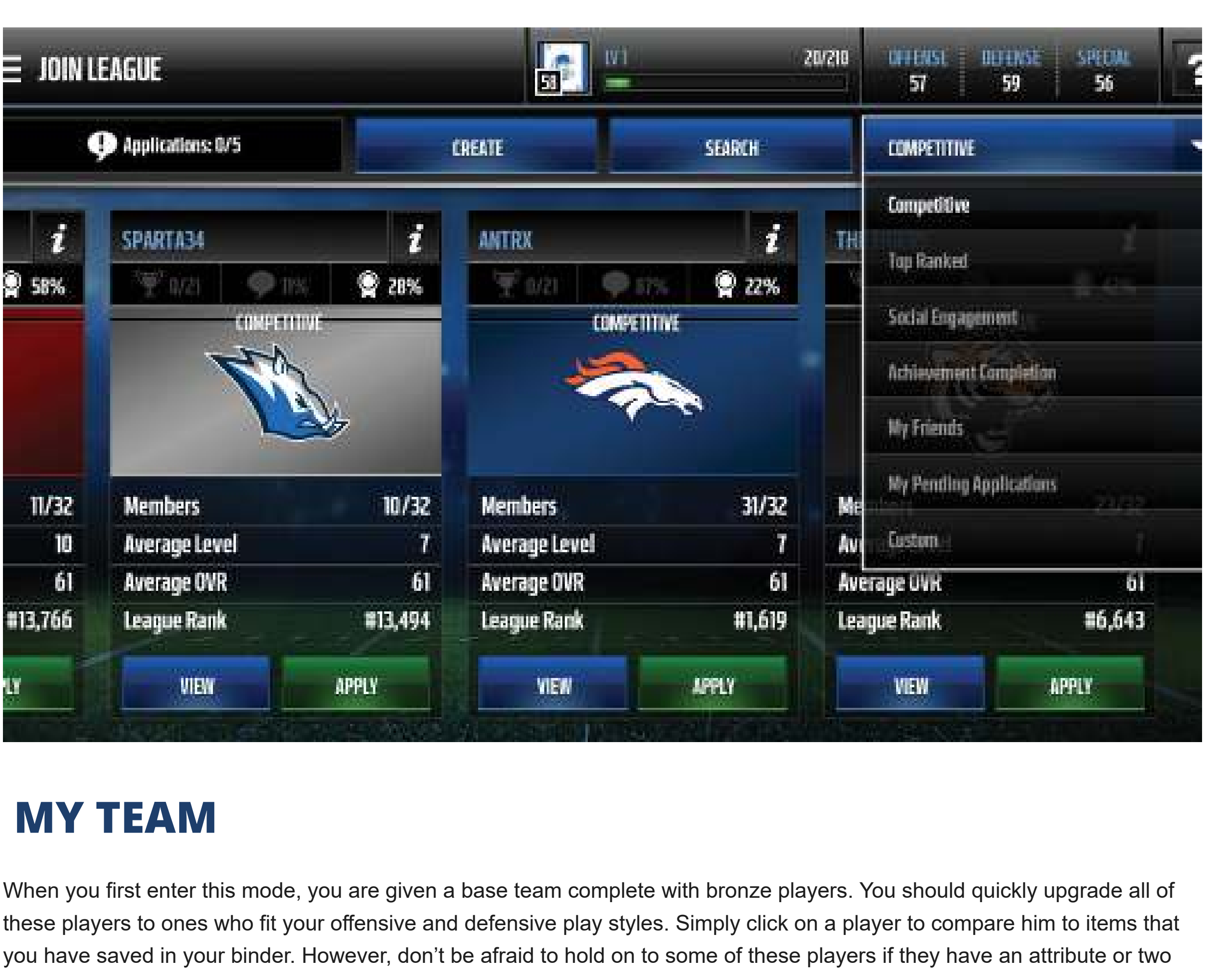
- Custom Filter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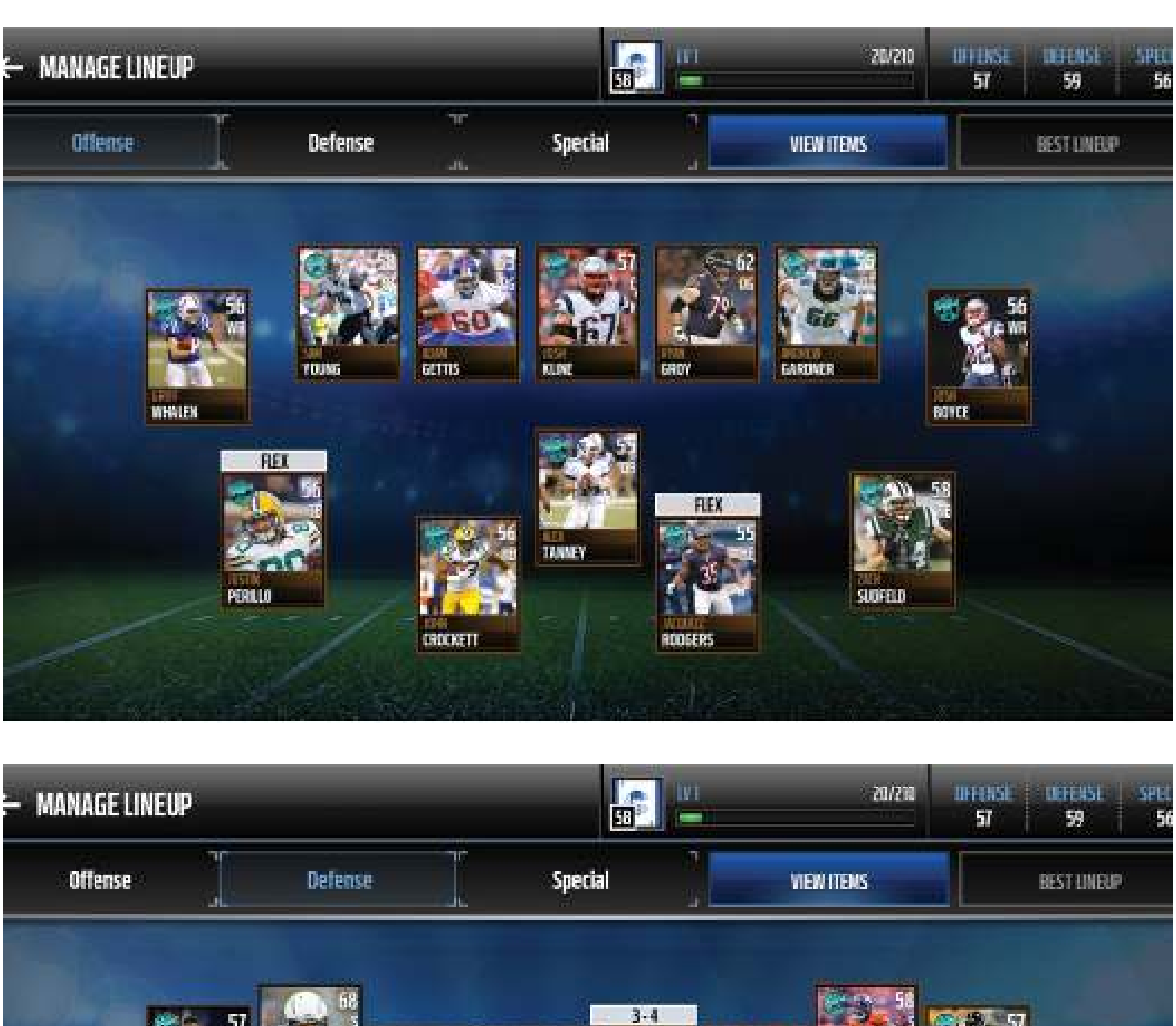
MY TEAM

When you first enter this mode, you are given a base team complete with bronze players. You should quickly upgrade all of these players to ones who fit your offensive and defensive play styles. Simply click on a player to compare him to items that you have saved in your binder. However, don't be afraid to hold on to some of these players if they have an attribute or two that will allow them to shine in the right spots. Everyone needs that sleeper item!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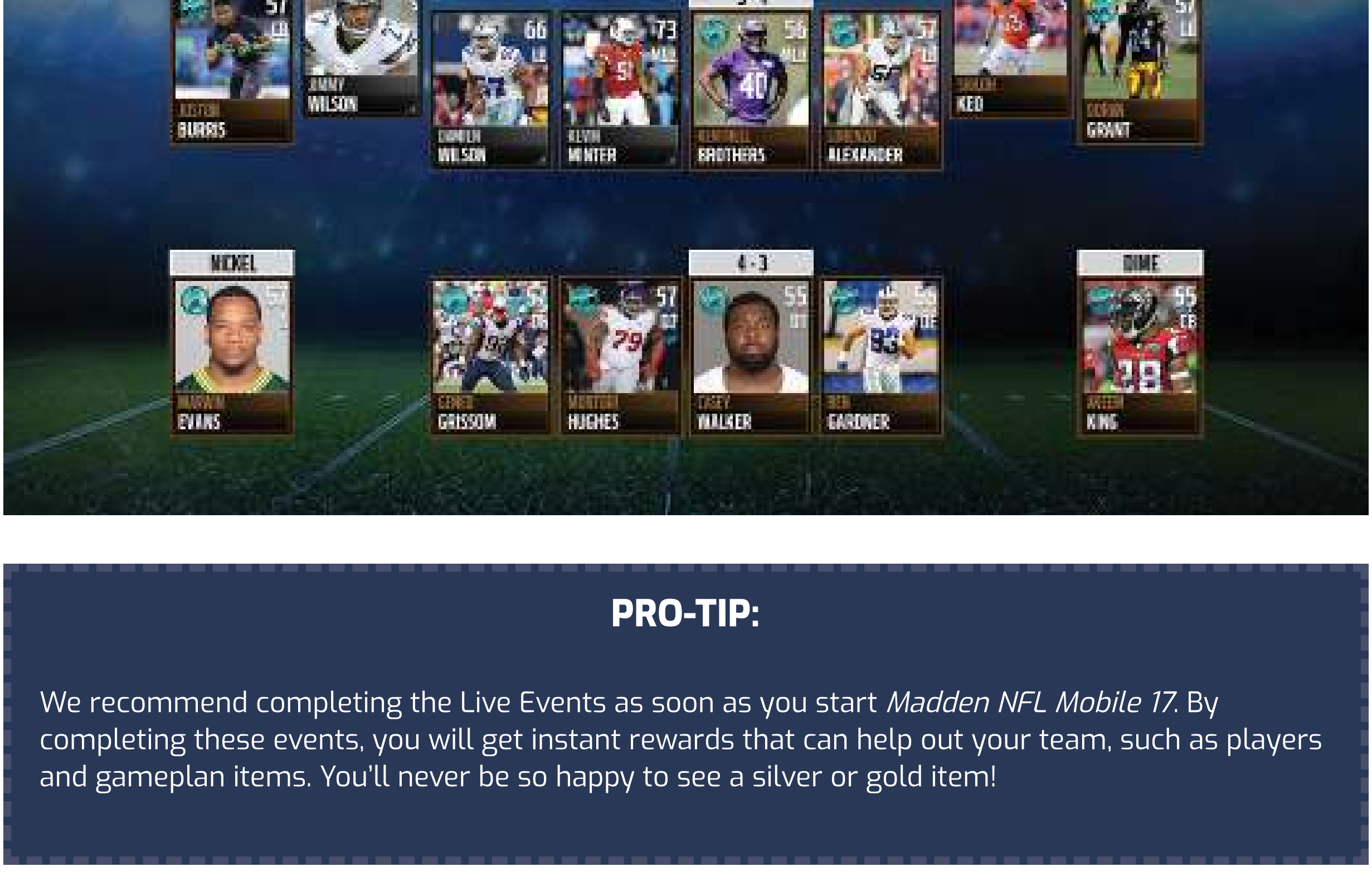
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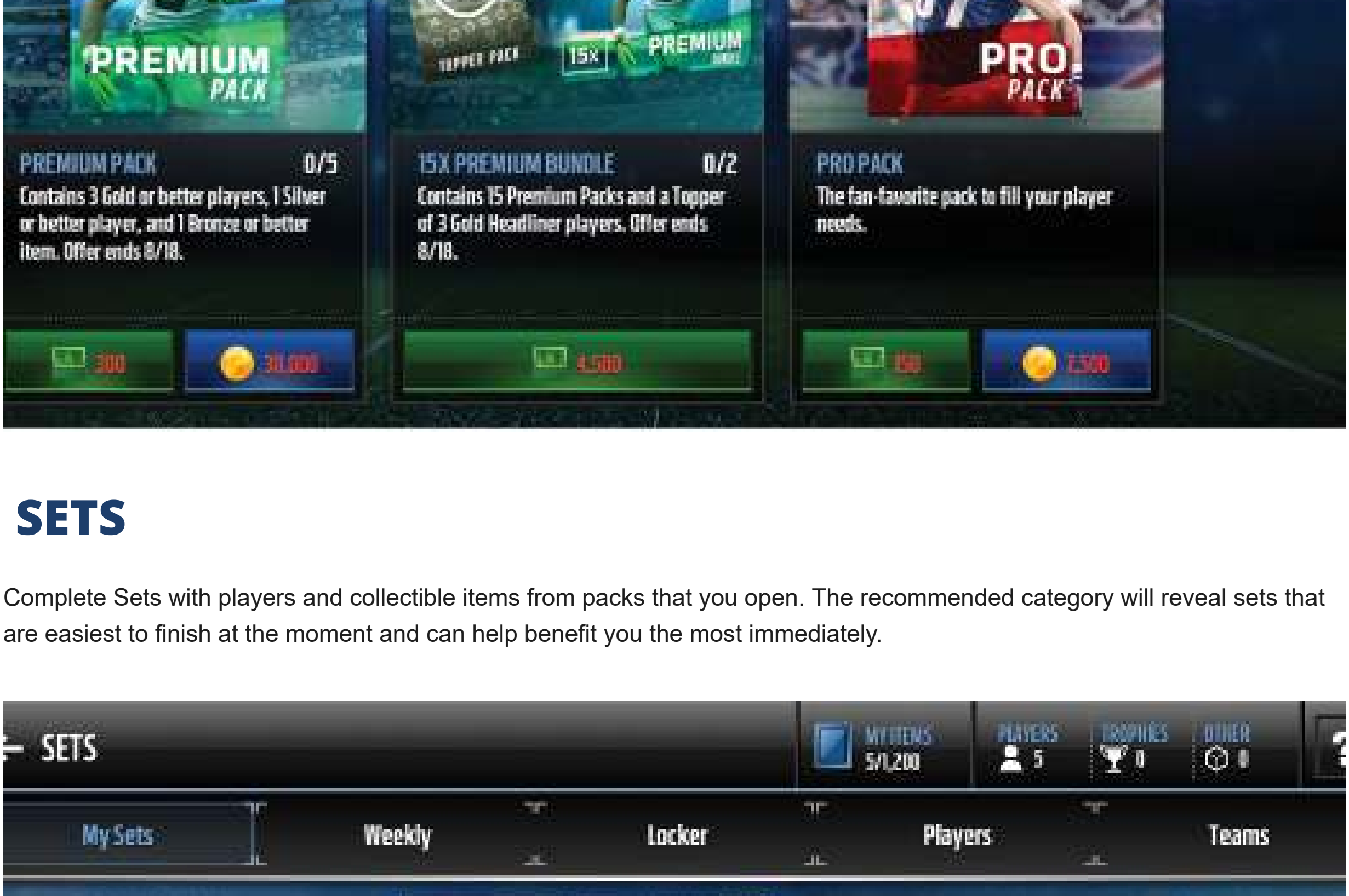
WALKER
GARDNER
DIME
KING

PRO-TIP:

We recommend completing the Live Events as soon as you start *Madden NFL Mobile 17*. By completing these events, you will get instant rewards that can help out your team, such as players and gameplan items. You'll never be so happy to see a silver or gold item!

STORE

You can purchase Pro Packs or different bundles that are filled with items that will help upgrade your team. You can purchase them with *Madden Mobile* cash or with the coins earned from finishing Live Events, Seasons, and Head-to-Head/League games.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150
7,500

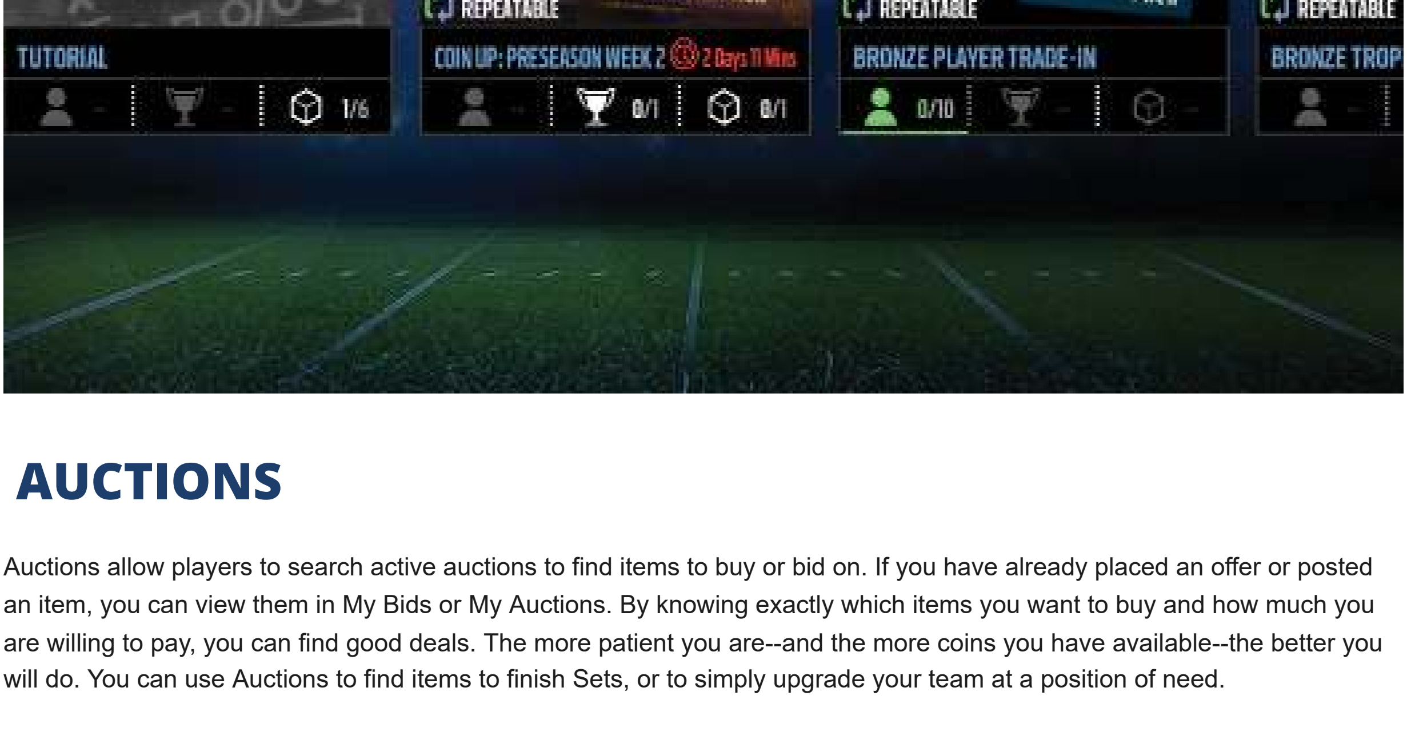
PREMIUM PACK 0/5
Contains 3 Gold or better players, 1 Silver or better player, and 1 Bronze or better item. Offer ends 8/18.

15X PREMIUM BUNDLE 0/2
Contains 15 Premium Packs and a Topper of 3 Gold Headliner players. Offer ends 8/18.

PRO PACK
The fan-favorite pack to fill your player needs.

SETS

Complete Sets with players and collectible items from packs that you open. The recommended category will reveal sets that are easiest to finish at the moment and can help benefit you the most immediately.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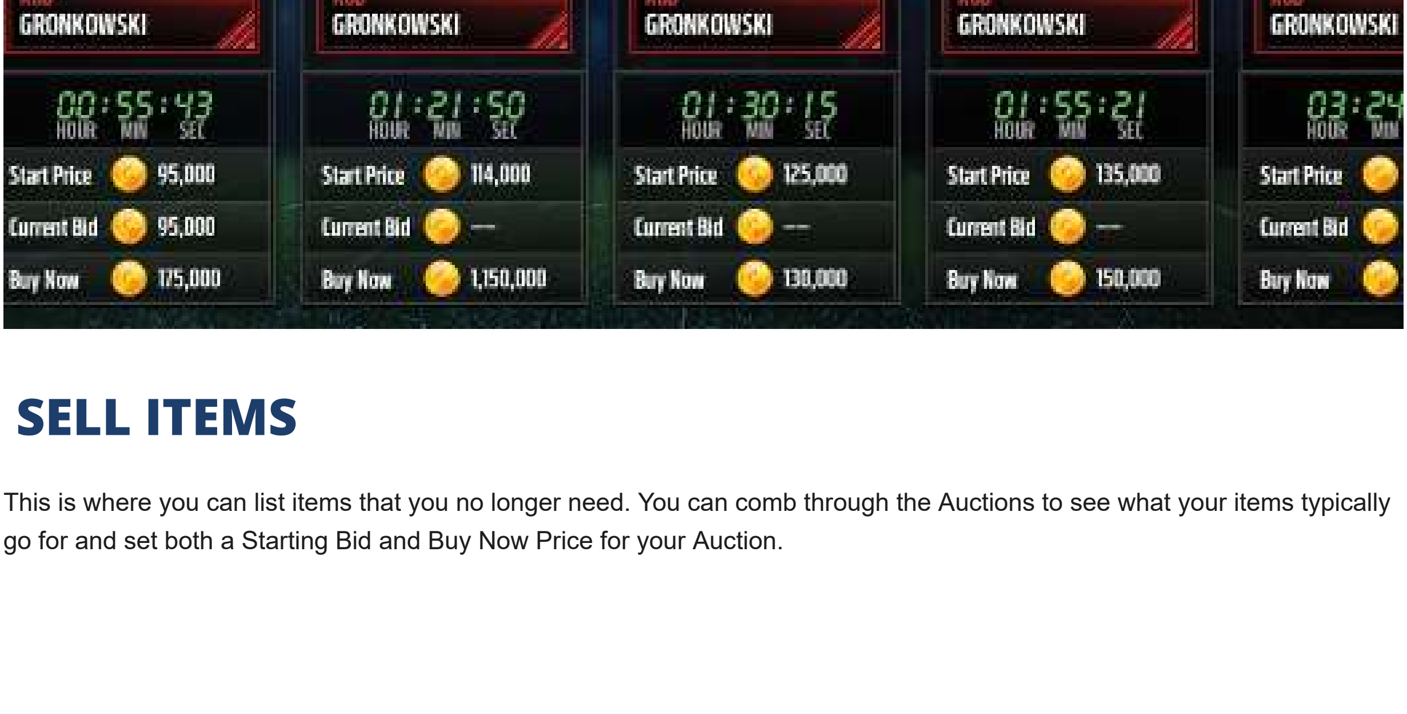
AUCTIONS

Auctions allow players to search active auctions to find items to buy or bid on. If you have already placed an offer or posted an item, you can view them in My Bids or My Auctions. By knowing exactly which items you want to buy and how much you are willing to pay, you can find good deals. The more patient you are--and the more coins you have available--the better you will do. You can use Auctions to find items to finish Sets, or to simply upgrade your team at a position of need.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Current Bid	95,000	—	—	—
Buy Now	175,000	1,150,000	130,000	150,000

SELL ITEMS

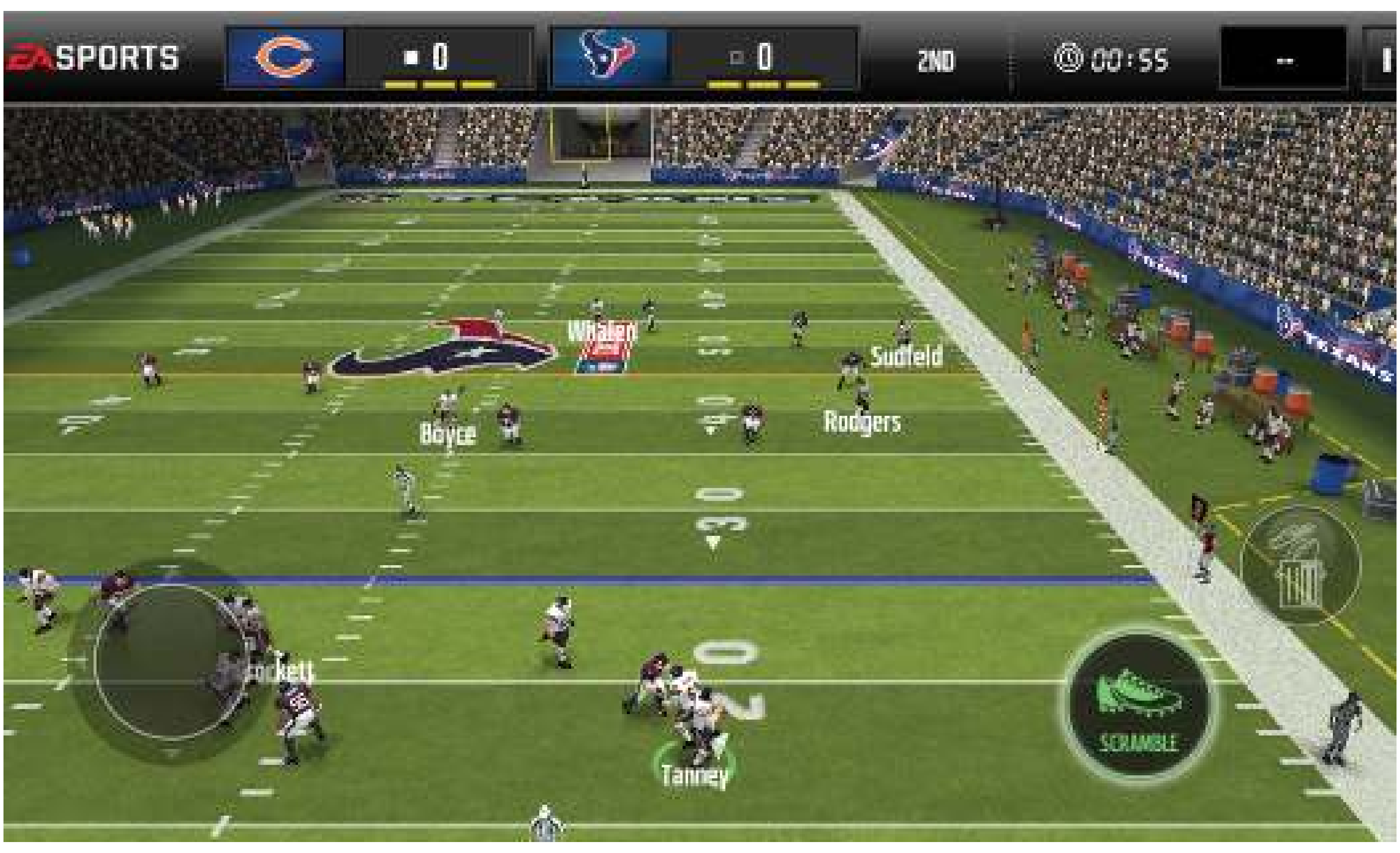
This is where you can list items that you no longer need. You can comb through the Auctions to see what your items typically go for and set both a Starting Bid and Buy Now Price for your Auction.

Madden Mobile

Madden NFL 17 Mobile Gameplay Tips

SCRAMBLE BUTTON

The biggest feature that players wanted this year was the Scramble feature. Too many times in *Madden NFL Mobile 16*, you would have a first down right in sight with a mobile quarterback like Cam Newton. However, there wasn't a way to get your QB to tuck the ball and run for it. This year, the scramble button makes its way into *Madden NFL Mobile 17*.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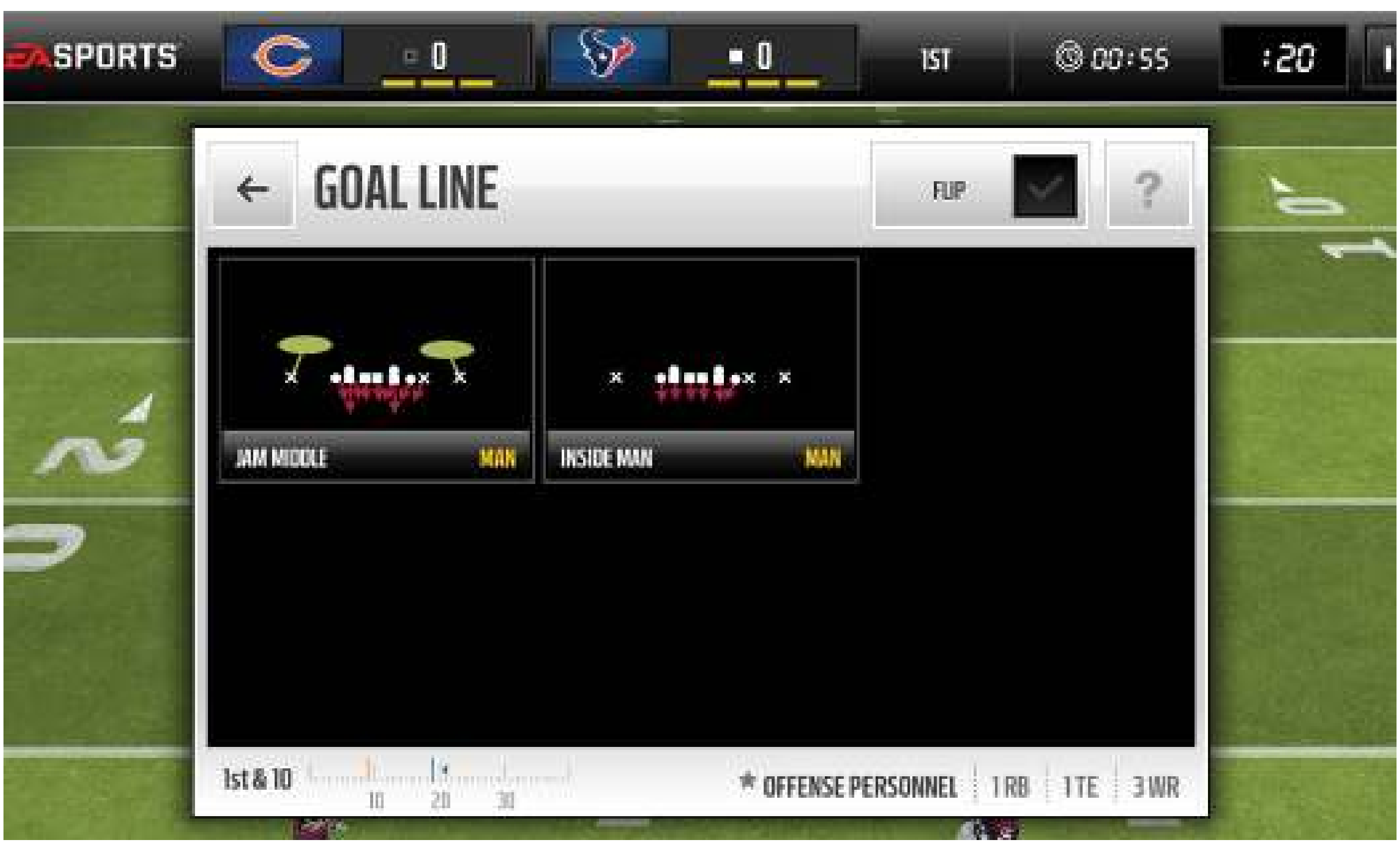
BRING THE HOUSE

Most players are probably used to the console controllers on Xbox One or PlayStation 4. If you're new to the *Madden Mobile* game, don't be afraid to bring the pain! Goal Line Inside Man brings six rushers at the QB. You'll find that this is one of the best pressure defenses in *Madden Mobile* and will have the computer AI struggling to find an open receiver!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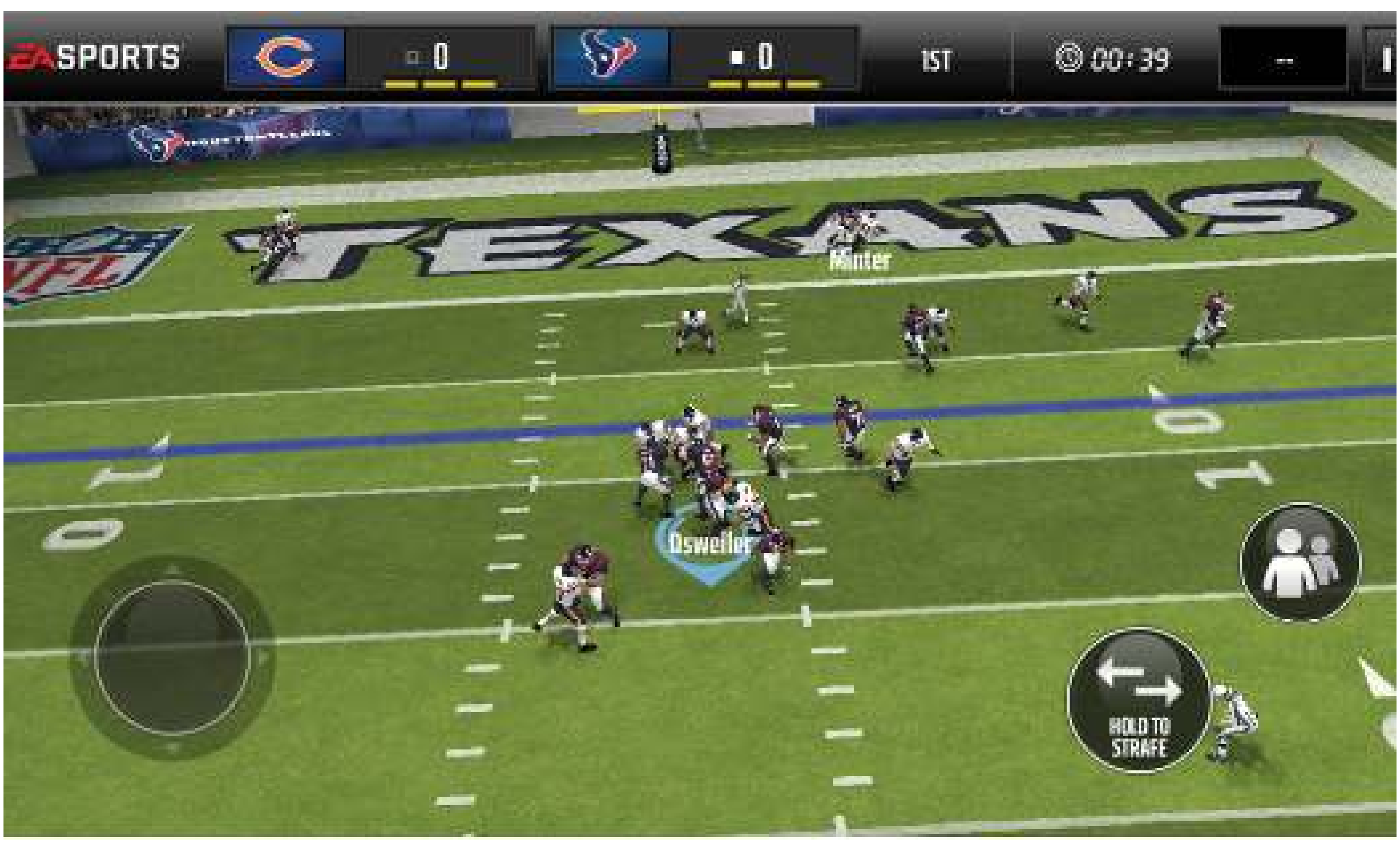
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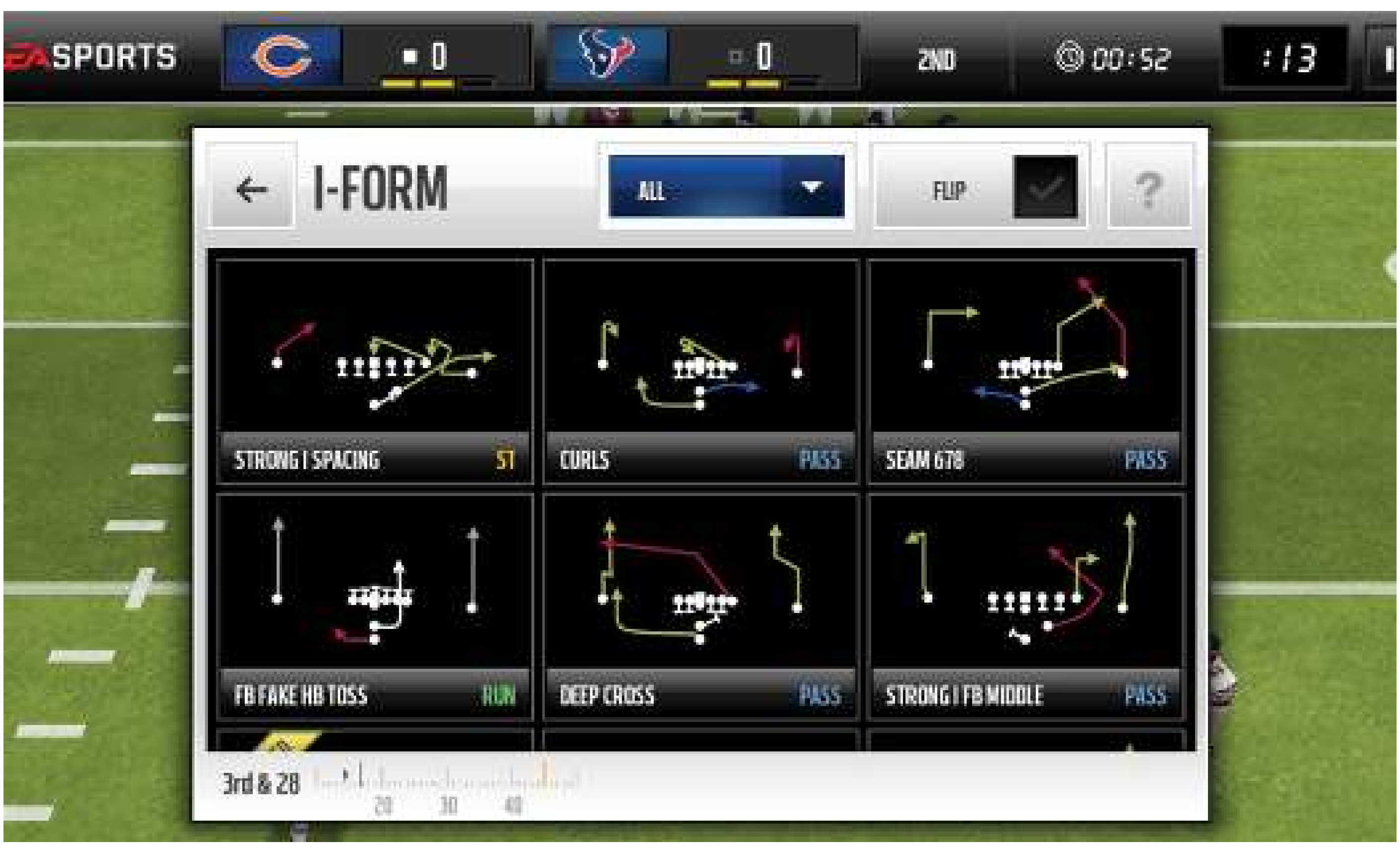
NUMBERS PUT UP NUMBERS!

Our favorite offensive play in *Madden NFL Mobile 17* is the I-Form Pro Seam 678. This play allows you to use the brand new scramble feature to roll out and look for the corner route to a TE. If pressured, check down to the FB in the flat. If the TE is covered, set your feet and throw a bomb to your B receiver on the post route. If all else fails, tuck the ball away and pick up yards by scrambling!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